

Cheyenne County experiences flooding

By Karen Krien
The Saint Francis Herald
A slow-moving thunderstorms left nearly five inches of rain in parts of Cheyenne County on Tuesday, flooding streets and the basement of one home, but lifting in time for Fourth of July fireworks to fly.
Generally, the Fourth of July is sweltering in St. Francis, with farmers in the middle of harvest and the hot, dry winds raced across the Kansas fields.
Tuesday was different. Clouds

hung overhead around most of the day. About the middle of the afternoon, the sky turned dark and rain fell. There were reports of anywhere from half an inch to an inch.
The sky lightened and it looked like this could be the end. After six years of drought, people aren't used to rain and, after a rain, big or small, it seems like that all there's going to be.
Not Tuesday, though. About 7 p.m., the tornado sirens sounded, sending people scurrying to their

basement. While that turned out to be a malfunction, the rain resumed and the National Weather Service soon posted flash flood warnings for Cheyenne County. While streets in town filled with water, Gary Rogers, county emergency manager, said Wednesday no one had reported any flooding of streams.
AT&T employee Mark Hill, Hoxie, said he had received a call about 4 a.m. that there was trouble with a line in St. Francis. The 911 line was down and calls had been

transferred to City Manager J.R. Landenberger's cell phone. Hill said he found the trouble in a line behind the old Cheyenne Pharmacy parking lot.
The second rain came in torrents and there was small hail at times. The wind was only 20 to 25 miles per hour but it seemed to be moving the rain as it beat against the windows. Before the storm started, wind speeds at the emergency management office were 40 to 45 miles per hour.

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported 1.81 inches of rain but there were other reports of over 3 inches in town. During the storm, the water came so fast from east of College Street onto the backyards of houses on Parkway Drive, that it washed out a block wall and fences at the home of Roger and Traci Neitzel. Water came pouring into their backyard and basement, breaking out the basement bathroom window.
Neitzel said friends and relatives

worked into the night, helping them haul out everything in their basement. She said it would probably take weeks for the damage to be cleaned up and fixed. However, she was thankful for all the work her friends had done.
Water had filled the ditches and was about to come over the old Wheeler Road about a mile east of St. Francis. It was across the road north on Benton Street near Bartlett and Company Grain.

Woman remembers blue sky

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of May, but stayed in an apartment with her mother to be close to Phillip and go for followup treatment.
Schlichenmayer is the daughter of Kathy and Gilbert Thomas of Goodland. She and her husband Mark farm northeast of Burlington and west of Kanorado.
Philip was released from the hospital on Saturday, June 17, and was brought to Goodland to stay with Kelsey's mother until their home northeast of Burlington is ready.
She is home, Schlichenmayer said, but her problems are not over.
Hospitals already are calling about her medical bills. The family had no insurance when she became pregnant and started having problems.
To make matters worse, she said, the ambulance company's insurance carrier is waffling on paying her bills. The firm paid funeral expense for Vicki and Karen, she said, but has balked at her hospital and medical bills and Phillip's, which total near \$100,000 so far.
She said that issue probably will be sorted out in court. That won't change what happened out on I-76, and it won't help pay many expenses the couple faces right now.

The Schlichenmayers attend the Kanorado United Methodist Church. The church had a benefit supper and sold baked goods to raise money for their bills. The "praise and worship" band of the College Drive Assembly of God Church in Colby put on a concert to raise money to help with the family's medical expenses on Saturday, June 17. The church has raised over \$1,000.
At the benefit, Pastor Leonard Cox talked about how people had prayed for both mother and son and how thankful they were that both were alive and healthy enough to come home that Saturday. Cox recalled that Mark had grown up across the street from the church.
Schlichenmayer and Phillip are staying with her mother in Goodland until their home gets central air conditioned and is checked for toxic black mold. Some mold was found in Phillip's room when it was painted.
Phillip still needs a lot of care, she said. He can forget to breath and hasn't matured enough to regulate his body temperature well. The house had a swamp cooler for air conditioning and Phillip needs central air to protect his delicate lungs. Schlichenmayer said she also has had lung problems after the accident.
Kelsey said she is very protective of Phillip.

Car 'surfing' leaves one dead

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Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the Bateman Funeral Home, 11th and Broadway.
Cloyd was born July 9, 1985, the son of Greg and Tammy Cloyd of Goodland. He attended school in Goodland, graduating from high school in 2004. He graduated in 2005 from North Central Kansas Technical School in Beloit, and was a certified welder for Advance Tanks of Wellington, Colo.
His father Greg said Thursday Gage has been working for the

Colorado company since he graduated from the college in Beloit. He said Gage had done an internship with Advance Tank in Arkansas and liked the work.
"He wanted to do some traveling," Greg Cloyd said, "and this job was giving him a chance to do that."
Greg Cloyd said his son had worked on ethanol plant projects in Phillipsburg, Sterling, Colo., and in Iowa. He said Gage was home on vacation from a job at an ethanol plant in Minnesota.
Gage enjoyed hunting, derby cars and being with friends and family, his relatives said. He is survived by

his parents, three brothers, Garrett and Grady of Salina, and Jeremy of Salt Lake City, and a sister, Gami of Lawrence, his grandmother, Maxine Cloyd Lucas, and step-grandfather, Guy Lucas of Sharon Springs, and grandfather Leroy Lance of Goodland.
He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Glen Cloyd, grandmother Ruby Lance and aunt Carol Berndt.
Memorials for a scholarship to the welding program at the college in Beloit may be sent to the funeral home at Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Truck driver pinned in cab

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The driver and two granddaughters who were with her all were taken to the hospital by ambulance.
The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Toni Pierce, 53, Lakewood, Colo., was driving west about 10:35 a.m. on Old 24. At the County Road 14 intersection at Caruso, about five miles west of Goodland, a semitrailer rig was crossing the road, said Trooper Minh Huynh.
Pierce swerved to avoid hitting the truck, and her Chevrolet TrailBlazer ran into the north ditch. Huynh said she overcorrected, and the sport utility crossed the road and ended up in the south ditch on its top.
Pierce and two granddaughters, Melanie Pierce, 14, of Lakewood, and Klarissa Nichols, under one, from Goodland, were taken to the Goodland Regional Medical Center.
Nichols is the daughter of Derek and Nickie Nichols of Goodland. All three people in the vehicle were wearing seat belts, Huynh reported.

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Rain can't dampen Fourth of July

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tures, including bright waterfalls and dancing columns of sparkling Roman candles. The waterfalls and sparkling columns were a backdrop for a special American Flag that burst into light on a chute gate in the rodeo arena.
The show apparently ended with a barrage of shooting lights and aerial explosions. The crowd applauded and cheered, and car horns could be heard from the surrounding area.
On their way out of the grandstand, people were saying that Diaz had done another great job, outdoing the show from the year before.
More colorful trails began shooting into the air. Apparently, part of the show had not fired when it was supposed to. These were found and set off when workers checked for unexploded fireworks.
The unexpected encore got another round of applause.
Commissioner Kevin Rasure, Shields and Alan Townsend, who organized the concert, agreed it was a successful night.
Until about six weeks ago, no one knew whether the annual Independence Day celebration would be held. An informal group met to discuss the show and how to pay for it.
People stepped forward to take on parts of the event, and a special Freedom Fest Fireworks Fund was created through the Sherman County Community Foundation. Rasure said in the six weeks, the \$7,000 for this year's show was gathered from donations from the city, county and organizations.
He said money has continued to come into the special fund, and there will be about \$2,500 for next



Willie Mack played a split concert around the rain to the delight of the crowd at the Freedom Fest on Tuesday night.
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

year's show.
This is the third year for rain on July 4, but the difference this year was there was no rumbling thunder or lightning. The light rain dropped .06 of an inch, adding to the year to date total of 11.93 inches.
The recent rains have Goodland 1.15 inches ahead of the average of

10.78 inches for this time of year. The average for July 4 is .11 of an inch, with the record being .52 of an inch in 1995. A check of the National Weather Service records shows that out of the past 10 years, there was .01 of an inch of rain in 1998, .26 of an inch in 2004 and .05 in 2005.

Crossword Puzzle

Split P's

ACROSS

1. Li'l Abner's creator Al
5. Price to pay
9. Gem weight unit
14. Toast topper
15. Nabisco favorite since 1912
16. Bring a smile to
17. Boardwalk's Monopoly partner
19. Country star LeAnn
20. Ran the show
21. Draw no cards
23. Homer Simpson cry
24. SASE, e.g.
26. Jurist Fortas
27. Birth announcement senders
33. Uncle Remus honorific
36. ___ Lanka
37. Disney's Little Mermaid
69. Nasty campaign tactic
70. Ollie's partner
71. Transvaal trekker

DOWN

1. Made do
2. San Antonio landmark
3. Bird's roost
4. Pig's place?
5. Sign of a healthy dog
6. "... man ___ mouse?"
7. Short times, for short
8. Dance technique
9. '30s heavyweight champ Primo
10. In the thick of
11. Rear end
12. On the briny
13. Acid ___
18. Use a spyglass
22. "___ Daba Honeymoon"
25. Bean ___ (tofu)
27. Whiskey bottle word
28. Unearth
29. "Love Story" author Segal
30. Hirschfeld's girl
31. Time in office
32. Take a spill
33. Radar image
34. Hitcher's hope
35. Mideast chief
40. Geraint's lady
41. Spoil rotten
44. Nosy sort
48. Coop call
49. ___ fugit
50. Hand over
53. Copy, for short
54. Witchy woman
55. Noted furrier
56. Powder holders
57. Mosque leader
58. Local theater, slangily
59. ___ monster (large lizard)
60. Shipped out
62. Dull as dishwater
65. Palm Pilot, e.g.

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SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday	Sunday	
11 a.m. FOX MLB Baseball Teams TBA	5 p.m. ANPL Dog Shows & Competitions Eukanuba Tournament of Champions 2006	NBC Wimbledon Men's final
12 p.m. ABC Golf Western Open	ESPN NTRA Road to the World Thoroughbred Championship Hollywood Gold Cup and Swap Stakes from Inglewood, CA	UNIV Copa Mundial 2006 La gran final Equipos por anunciar from Berlin
12:30 p.m. UNIV Copa Mundial 2006 Tercer lugar from Stuttgart	IND MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves from Turner Field	11:30 a.m. ABC World Cup Soccer Championship game
12:55 p.m. ESPN 2006 FIFA World Cup Third Place Game from Stuttgart, Germany	6 p.m. FXSP MLB Baseball Diamondbacks at Rockies	12 p.m. WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers from Miller Park
1 p.m. CBS Women's Golf HSBC World Match Play Championship	7 a.m. NBC Wimbledon Men's final	1 p.m. CBS Women's Golf HSBC World Match Play Championship
ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Phoenix Mercury at Connecticut Sun from Mohegan Sun Arena		NBC Senior Golf U.S. Senior Open
NBC Senior Golf U.S. Senior Open		2 p.m. ABC Golf Western Open
3 p.m. ESPN2 MLS Soccer CD Chivas USA at Houston Dynamo from Robertson Stadium		ESPN2 Minor League Baseball 2006 Futures Game from Pittsburgh, PA
		6 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Houston Astros from Minute Maid Park