

Cheyenne

Western edge of state home to three towns, lots of things to do, see



THE CHEYENNE COUNTY MUSEUM has over 25 different room and business displays plus numerous books, photos and other memorabilia. The dining room setting is just one of the displays. — Photo by Karen Krien

By Karen Krien

St. Francis is the first town in Kansas on U.S. 36 when travelers come from the eastern plains of Colorado. There are three communities in Cheyenne County: St. Francis, Bird City and Wheeler.

Wheeler may be only a dot on the map, but it is known for having the shortest highway. Located at the junction of K-27 and U.S. 36, the K-217 going north is 1 mile long, ending at the railroad tracks.

Cheyenne County is often referred to as "the land of open spaces and friendly faces."

The county may have more terrain variation than any other county in the state.

The Republican River flows leisurely through the northwest corner. Further to the east is rough terrain often referred to as "The Mini Grand Canyon." There are acres of flat fertile wheat ground and pastures throughout the rest of the county.

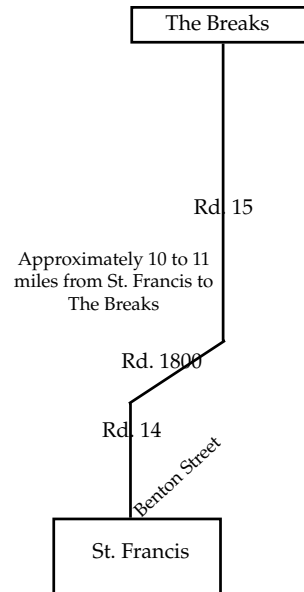
The Arikaree Breaks are becoming more widely known, having appeared in a number of magazines, and this year was featured on the CD, "Kansas Canyon Lands — The Breaks" created by Audrey Kalivoda. Located approximately 10 miles north of St. Francis, the Breaks have extremely rough terrain with deep ravines and gullies.

After miles of farm and pasture grounds, it is amazing to drive around a curve and behold the site of what some call "The Mini Grand Canyon."

The Breaks are 36 miles long and approximately 2 to 3 miles wide. There are well-maintained public roads and places to pull over to view the amazing scenery.

With only 2,955 people in the county, there are a variety of activities held in the county each year and most are run by volunteers — the people living in the county who are proud of their communities and county.

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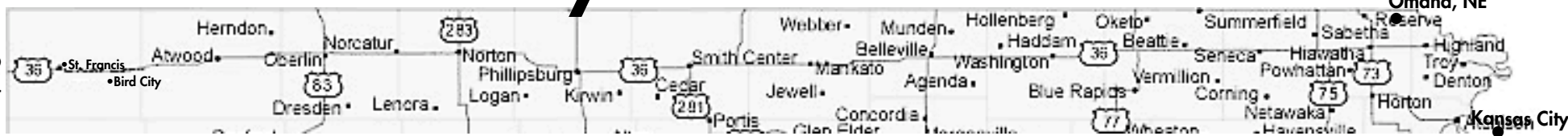
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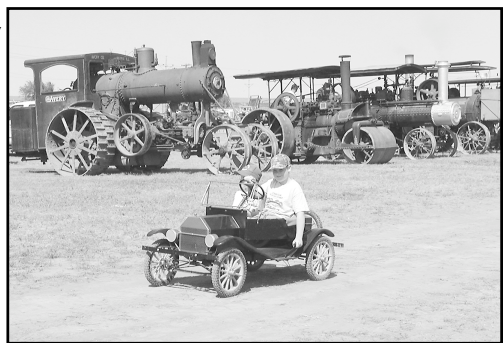
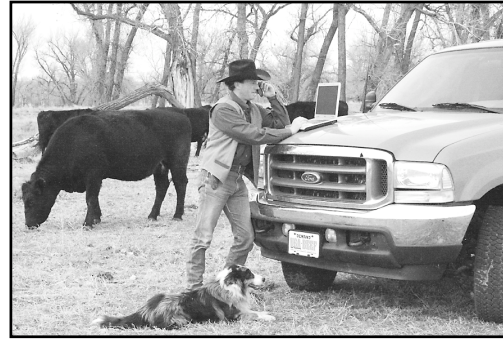


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