



LIVING WATER Fellowship Church takes first place in the organization/church division at the parade held on Saturday.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

## Bird City church wins first place

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The Cheyenne County Fair is over for another year. The 4-H'ers and their families, along with all the volunteers, carnival crew and fair board members, headed home Saturday night, tired but knowing that it had been a good fair.

Wednesday, the first official day of the fair, was hot and there was very little breeze. From there, the temperatures decreased each day and there was a breeze. Saturday morning, there were some of the people wearing jackets as they waited for the parade to begin. There were even a few (very few) sprinkles which fell as the parade

entries were lining up.

Carnival games and rides were busy all four nights of the fair, especially on Saturday night. There were a few games that didn't open because there was a shortage of volunteers to run them. The Ferris wheel was shut down Wednesday night after a malfunction but, Thursday night, it was up and running and it continued through to Saturday night.

The demolition derby drew the big crowd during the fair. Adam Peter, committee chairman, said it sold out again. People filled the stands, there were others standing, some looking over the fence by the ice cream parlor, and the pit area was full.

There were 13 cars competing with St. Francis man, Keaton Frewen, raking in the first prize money of \$1,500. Keaton lost the steering on his car about the second hit but continued to compete until the end.

Second place went to Casey Vandike; third place went to David Stephens, and Troy Meyer took fourth place. Austin White earned the Mad Dog award of \$500."

On Wednesday, local ropers, in a round-robin order, had some good roping. The local roping was followed by the Cheyenne County Fair Open Memorial Roping.

Winners of the local roping contest were Butch Ewing and Nahum Mendoza. They each took home a belt buckle from St.

Francis Equity.

There were 88 roping teams for the open memorial roping. Look for the names of the winning teams in the special after-fair section inserted in the Aug. 23 newspapers.

The Tuff Trucks competition was Friday's grandstand entertainment. This was the second year for the event and there was a total of 25 drivers racing (the best they could) around a track of short turns, humps and bumps with a water hole in the middle of the track.

Saturday's parade was long with a number of entries. St. Francis' Main Street was lined with people including lots of children just waiting for candy and other

treats to be tossed their way.

Taking first in the organization/church division went to Living Water Fellowship Church in Bird City. In the business division, St. Francis Sand and Redi-Mix was the winner, and the Matthies family took home the first prize in the family division.

The 4-H and open class results along with articles and photos of the events and happenings at the fair will be inserted as the After Fair section in both *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* on Aug. 23.

The fair board and Amusement Authority members will be meeting within the next month to start planning next year's Cheyenne County Fair.



DEAN AND JOANNE SMITH were the forty-first registered voters to cast their votes at the United Methodist Church by eleven o'clock a.m.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## Primary elections held; good voter turn out reported

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The primary election was held Tuesday and there was a good turnout in the Cheyenne County polls. Terry Miller, county election officer, reported an excellent turnout for a primary.

When the final votes were totaled, the unofficial vote found a tie for commissioner, District 3, between Andy Beikman and Brett Poling, each having 179 votes. The votes will be recounted and then the commissioners will canvass the votes on Monday.

There were three people running for the register of deeds position. Jeanne Dunn was the winner with 327 votes, followed closely behind by Melissa Tabor with 314. Shelley Culwell had 116 votes.

Incumbent 120 District Representative, Ward Cassidy won by a landslide in Cheyenne County with 570 votes over Rick Billinger with 188 votes.

Both were representatives of their districts until the redistricting took place, throwing them both into same district and into the

primary.

The 120th once included the counties of Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties. The old 121st included Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Graham counties. With the 121st moved, the new 120th includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Sherman, Wallace and the northwest part of Thomas County, including Colby.

The advanced voting booth closed at noon on Monday with 208 voters casting their ballots. That is about 13 percent of the voters, Mr. Miller reported, adding that there are a total of 1659 registered voters including both Republicans and Democrats. That does not count the unaffiliated voters in the county.

The clerk's office had sent out 42 ballots by mail and all but eight had been returned.

Other Cheyenne County unofficial results included:

**State offices**  
**Senate, 40th District**  
Allen Clark Schmidt (D)-35  
Ralph Ostmeyer (R)-507

John E. Miller (R)-210  
**Representative, 120th District**  
Ward M. Cassidy (R)- 570  
Richard Billinger (R)-188  
**District Court Judge**  
**District 15 Division 1**  
Glenn D. Schiffner (R) -386  
Todd R. Stramel (R)-233  
**District Court Judge**  
**District 15 Division 2**  
Scott Showalter (R)-596  
**District Magistrate Judge**  
**District 15 Position 1**  
Robert Van Allen (R)-652  
**County Commissioner**  
**3rd District**  
Andrew Beikman (R)-179  
Brett Poling (R)- 179  
**County Clerk**  
Terry Miller (R)-716  
**County Treasurer**  
Dolores Jenik (R)-629  
**Register of Deeds**  
Melissa Tabor (R)-314  
Jeanne D. Dunn (R) -327  
Shelley L. Culwell (R)-116  
**County Attorney**  
Karan M. Thadani (R)-608  
**County Sheriff**  
Cody Beeson (R)-664

## Frontier Ag manager completes three classes

Sean Cravens, manager of Frontier Ag in Bird City, recently completed the Tomorrow's Agribusiness Leaders Program. The program is a jointly sponsored initiative of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association.

It is an intensive leadership development program designed to teach members of the association about the state and federal legislative and regulatory process and how to be a better leader within the industry.

Applications were reviewed by the Tomorrow's Agribusiness Leaders Alumni Selection Committee, consisting of 10 past graduates of the program. They made their selections based upon who they believed would gain the most from the program and who had the most to offer their respective associations.

While the majority of the expenses were paid for by the associations through corporate sponsorships, there was a \$350 fee that the individuals or their firms were required to submit once the applicants were selected to participate in the program.

Mr. Cravens was one of 10 people to complete the class which returned from Washington, D.C.

where they gained experience and contacts that will allow them to grow professionally and add to their respective companies, the industry and association.

The Washington trip is part of a three-session leadership program. Other sessions include two days at the Kansas Statehouse and a management development program taught by the Wichita State University's Center for Management Development.

In Washington, in addition to touring several historical monuments and the capitol, the class met with a number of national agribusiness trade associations and members of the congressional delegation.

The class also received a private briefing from Commodities Future and Trade Commissioner Jill Sommers on the MF Global debacle and steps being taken to rectify the situation. During their meetings at the United States Capitol, the team relayed thoughts and concerns about the 2012 Farm Bill and regulatory environment facing agri-business to Kansas Congressmen and Senators.



CHEYLIN COUGAR CHEERLEADERS carried the blue and white banner and were giving away candy.

## Senator continues 105 county tour

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts continues his traditional 105-county tour with stops and town hall meetings in western Kansas. He will be in Cheyenne County on Friday, Aug. 17 at Cuppa Joe Espresso, 216 Washington. This is the last stop of the day with

the meeting starting at 3:15 p.m.

The senator will be in Goodland at noon, mountain time, where he will be speaking at the Goodland Rotary Club at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

Other town hall meetings on Aug. 17 include Oakley and

Sharon Springs. On Thursday, he will be in Norton and Oberlin.

People are urged to attend the meeting where the senator will be telling about what is going on in Washington and will be answering questions.