

St. Francis area receives lots of rain

By Karen Krien

After weeks of virtually dry, hot weather, the rain began to fall in the St. Francis area.

Monday afternoon, the sky began looking a little green and before long, big thunder clouds which looked like they could be full of hail and wind began forming in northeast Cheyenne County. Earlier in the day, the National Weather Service had issued a severe storm warning for Dundy County, Neb., but since most summer storms don't come from the north - northeast, most people didn't pay much attention. However, as the afternoon wore on, weather forecasters began predicting tornadic weather moving to the southwest and that left most of Cheyenne County in a tornado warning.

Weather spotters and law officials were traveling the roads looking for tornadoes and severe weather. Cliff Flock, under sheriff, was north of Bird

City on K161 when he said, over the scanner, that there was hail and before he could hardly get the words out, the hail had broken the windshield of the vehicle he was driving.

By 4:30 p.m., it had begun to rain in St. Francis. It had already been raining in Bird City and with the rain came fierce wind. The National Weather Service reported 91 mile-per-hour winds which damaged the Bird City airport garage and brought down tree limbs. Grace Flying Service in St. Francis reported a steady 50 to 60 mile-per-hour wind during most of the storm with gusts of 72 miles per hour.

A week ago, Cheyenne County, along with many of the other surrounding counties, had been dry — so dry that the National Weather Service out of Goodland had listed it in the extremely dry area. Since June 1, St. Francis weather observer Kathy Woodcox had reported only .90 inch of rain. Then on



AROUND 3 INCHES of rain fell east of St. Francis and water was rushing across the old Wheeler Road. Ponds that have been dry all summer are now full and running over. Cars cautiously crossed through the water. Note the fence posts on the right barely sticking out of the water. Later that evening, a car hydro planed and ended up in the ditch.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Friday, there was .52 inch of rain and early Sunday morning, a nice steady drizzle brought .08 inch of rain.

The rain on Monday was more than most people living in the county had seen all summer. In St. Francis, the to-

tals ranged from 2 to 2.5 inches. Northwest of St. Francis, Kenneth Knorr reported an inch on Monday and .80 the

week before. Over by Wheeler, the rain measured around 3 inches but south of
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Dove season opens Sunday morning

By Karen Krien

Sunday marks the opening day of mourning dove season and the first of the fall hunting season in the state of Kansas.

There is a daily bag limit of 15. The possession limit is 30 after the first day.

Outside of not having a license, most hunters are ticketed for having failed to put a plug in their shot gun. Since dove is considered a migratory bird, only three shells are allowed in the gun.

For the fourth year, hunters are re-

quired to have in their possession the Harvest Information Program (HIP) stamp if hunting migratory birds including dove, ducks, geese, woodcock, coots, snipe, rail, gallinules or sandhill cranes. The stamp costs 50 cents and provides valuable information for wildlife management through surveys conducted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mourning dove season will end on Oct. 27. It will open again on Nov. 9 and
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JOINS NEWSPAPER STAFF — Margaret Bucholtz has joined *The St. Francis Herald* staff and will also be helping with the *Bird City Times*.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Correspondent filling in at The St. Francis Herald

Margaret Bucholtz recently joined *The St. Francis Herald* staff. She actually began writing for the *Herald* and *Bird City Times* about three years ago when she took over writing Kansas Korner. To her duties, she has added the collecting of court news and filling in wherever needed.

"We are happy to have Mrs. Bucholtz working with us. Her talent, computer knowledge and humor will add a lot to the workroom as well as the newspaper," said Karen Krien, publisher.

Mrs. Bucholtz will continue to write Kansas Korner, a column which is read by many. She took over the column after writer Marilyn Holzwarth decided to quit and began writing Genealogy Korner for the *Herald* and *Times*.

"Marilyn has been a great inspiration," she said.

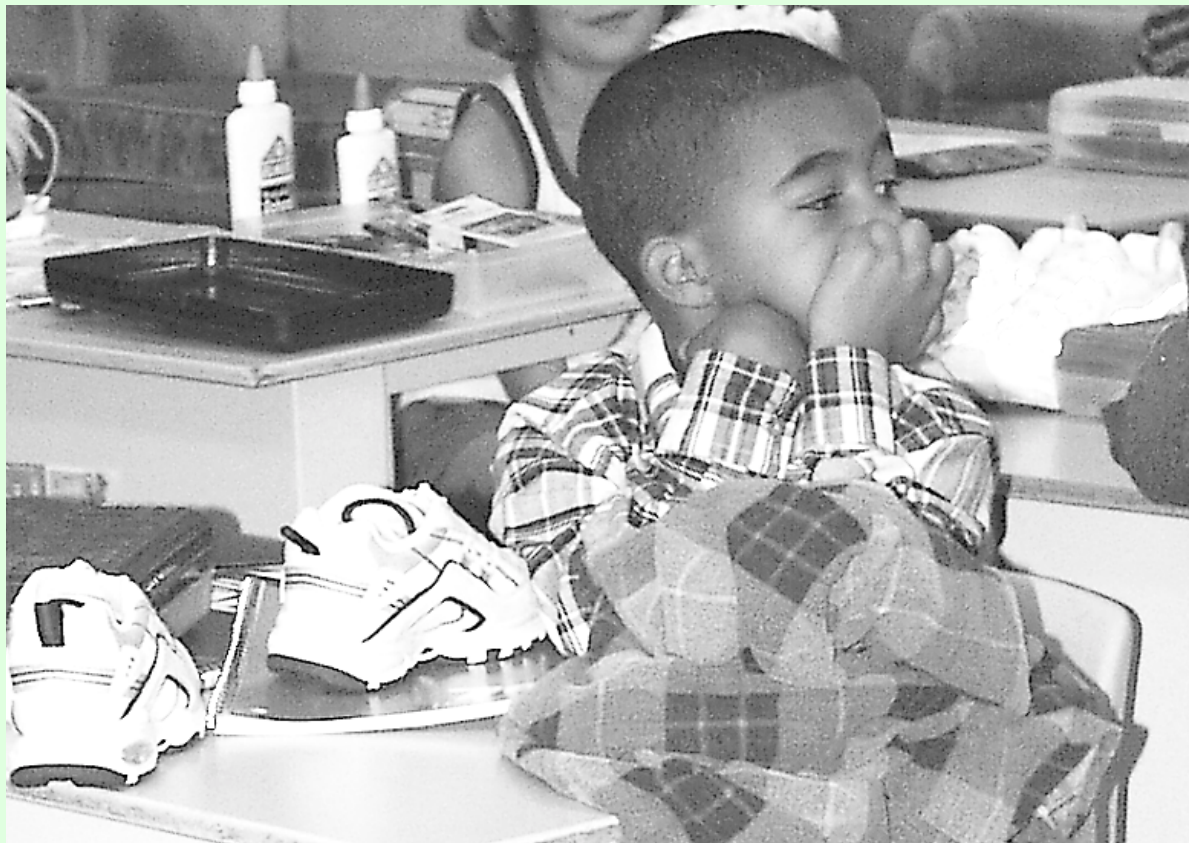
Mrs. Bucholtz said she likes writing Kansas Korner and is continually reading old newspapers for information. She also talks to family members when

questions arise or more information is needed.

Mrs. Bucholtz was born and raised in St. Francis, graduated from St. Francis Community High School and went on to graduate from McCook Beauty School. She was a hair dresser from 1964 to 1989 and owned her own business for a number of years. Since she sold her shop, she worked several places and took care of aging parents. Besides working at the *Herald*, she is also employed at Tri-State Lumber and Tubing where she is a part time as the bookkeeper.

In 1987, she discovered the computer. Her first computer was little and she has since progressed to bigger and better and she has taken computer classes to increase her knowledge. Through the computer and internet, she became skilled in gaining genealogy information about her family.

"I was able to look up, write and save,
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HOW MANY MORE DAYS OF THIS?? On the first day of school, Laramie Mosley looked like he was wishing he was anywhere but sitting in a classroom. Laramie is the son of Freddie and Cheryl Mosley.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

School starts; enrollment down 4

By Karen Krien

For the past month, there has been talk that the school enrollment in St. Francis was going to be down — way down! But as enrollment took place two weeks ago and then with the start of school, it was obvious that there were going to be more students attending the Sainty schools than once expected.

As of Monday, there were 187 students enrolled in the grade school and 210 students in the junior-senior high school for a total of 397 students. Compared to last year's official enrollment figures, there are only four less students this year.

Last year, the official enrollment in the St. Francis schools was down 32 students with a total of 403; in 2000, there were 14 less students than in 1999. As school administrators were budgeting they were expecting the enrollment to be down much the same.

"It was a pleasant surprise when the final number of students were counted and we were only down four," said Scott Carmichael, junior-senior high school principal.

The official enrollment count will be made on Sept. 20. It is possible that there may be more students enrolling before that date.



DYKOTA KNORR spent part of the first day of kindergarten building blocks. She is the daughter of Garry and Stacy Knorr.

Cheylin enrollment

Cheylin schools in Bird City began with 175 students which is 10 less than

the official enrollment last year. However, last year, the Cheylin schools gained seven students.

Watch for cones; sewer cleaned

By Karen Krien

In the past week, there have been bright orange cones sticking out of holes in St. Francis streets. Glenn Schliep, city employee, reported that the manholes, most of them located in the middle of streets, are being revealed so the sewer lines which run below the city streets can be checked.

While the manholes are open, the condition of the bricks will be inspected and repaired if needed.

The decision to open the manholes came after the Aug. 6 city council meeting when the council was informed that letters from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment concerning sewer pond problems had not been received and, consequently, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment officials were demanding that the problems be corrected by December 2003, at a cost of between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Because of the cost, the city council agreed to apply for a grant which would cover 50 percent. The council was advised by Thaniel Monaco, a representative of Miller and Associates, the city's engineering firm, that they would have a better chance of getting the grant if they had the manholes inspected and repaired. He agreed to send a technician to St. Francis who could train a city employee to make the manhole inspections, thus saving the city some money.

The manholes around the city have layers of street paving on top of them as they seldom need to be opened. As the crew has found the manholes, the cones have been placed in the holes to warn drivers that there is danger.

Mr. Schliep reported that each day, there are cones missing or thrown out of the holes.

"Removing these cones is dangerous to drivers who are not aware that these holes are in the streets," he said.

This week, there are inspectors who are checking the sewer lines. Mr. Schliep figured it would take most of the week before the inspections were completed.

Sewer cleaning taking place
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Haying, grazing deadline extended to Nov. 30

Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency has announced that an extension has been received for the emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres.

Executive Director Fuller had submitted a request to the Secretary of Agriculture, Ann M. Veneman, to extend the deadline for the haying and grazing of

Conservation Reserve Program acres past the Aug. 31 deadline. Secretary of Agriculture Veneman extended the emergency authority of haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program until Nov. 30.

Executive Director Fuller said, "Livestock producers in the western two thirds of Kansas have suffered drought conditions not seen since the 1930s. We are

very pleased that the authority has been received to allow an extension of time for the haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acres. This will be of great benefit to many livestock producers who are in short supply of feed and forage supplies."

Authority for the haying and grazing of the reserve acres was first limited to the western Kansas counties but was

expanded on July 15 to include all of Kansas counties due to continued severe drought conditions.

Secretary of Agriculture Veneman had earlier announced that the United States Department of Agriculture would waive rental reduction fees to encourage donation of hay to farmers and ranchers in immediate need. The policy continues to be in effect.



DANCE RANCH STUDENTS were fun to watch during the Relay for Life walk held Saturday and Sunday in St. Francis. Dancers (l to r) are: Alecia Zimbelman, Talisa Voorhies, Janessa Jordan, Jade DeGood and Amy Hilt.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt

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Wheeler at the Harvey Neitzel place, there was 4 inches recorded and the L.A. Bunjes place just east of Neitzel, had 4.5 inches. In Bird City, anywhere from 1.75 inch to 2.25 inches fell.

Water was everywhere Monday

evening. Riverside Recreation west of St. Francis, which a week ago was bone-dry, was under water. The number two hole looked like an island. West of Riverside on the north side of the road is what used to be the old "City Lake." It hasn't had water in it for years but it

was full and the dam on the north had broken loose and water was pouring through. Bud Stuart's hay bales were setting in a pond and the ditch beside the old Stephenson farm looked like a river.

Out east of St. Francis, the dry sand creek which is located about halfway between Wheeler and St. Francis, was rolling. Water was across the old Wheeler Road in two different places and just the tops of fence posts could be seen and the water was still coming in. The ditches had been washed out and there were piles of tumbleweeds in the ditches, spilling out onto the roadway.

In Wheeler, Pam Hook reported that hail had covered the ground and again, water was everywhere including the Van Allen Implement lot where machinery was standing in water. North of U.S. 36 on K-217, a farmyard looked like a lake and a boat, still on its trailer, looked as if it were almost ready to have the motor revved up.

South of St. Francis where both Rick Rogers and Byron Moberly farm, hail took out crops. Byron said his bean crop was harvested early. There was hail piled about 4-foot high where it had been washed down a creek bed and couldn't get through the culvert. The Beaver was running about 100 feet wide. On Tuesday, the National Weather Service official said the Beaver was flooding southeast of Cheyenne County.

Seven miles north of St. Francis,

there was 2.5 inches of rain at the John Keller ranch.

The electricity was off in part of St. Francis for about 15 to 30 minutes but no other damage except downed tree limbs was reported.

The state crew had been called to check a bridge north of Bird City but it was decided that it was okay. There was a flash flood warning 10 miles north of Bird City when water climbed over the highway.

Storms on Tuesday

Early Tuesday morning, storms once again rolled through the St. Francis area which were accompanied by considerable thunder and lightning. The weather observer reported .?? inch of rain and it was cloudy most of them morning.

Tornadoes reported

Scott Mentzer with the National Weather Service in Goodland said that at 3:29 p.m. Monday, there was an unofficial report by the public that two tornadoes were on the ground 2 miles northeast of St. Francis; at 3:35, a tornado briefly touched down 5 miles south of Wheeler. No damage was reported from the tornadoes.

Forecast

The National Weather Service has forecast a chance of thunderstorms toward the end of the week. Quite a break from the dry spell that has been stationed over northwest Kansas, southwest Nebraska and northeast Colorado.

Annual scholarship program announced

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation will make 188 scholarships available in five counties to students in 26 northwest Kansas counties for the 2002-03 academic year.

The awards offered include: Eight Leaders of Tomorrow scholarships with annual stipends of \$5,000, renewable for three additional years for a total of \$20,000 per students. Satisfactory progress must be maintained each year.

Thirty Hansen Scholar awards with stipends of \$3,000, renewable for one additional year providing satisfactory progress is maintained.

Ten Community College scholarships with stipends of \$2,000, renewable for one additional year providing satisfactory progress is maintained.

Sixty Hansen Student non-renewable awards of \$2,000.

Eighty non-renewable Vocational Education awards of \$1,500.

Students planning to enter the competition for Leader of Tomorrow, Hansen Scholar or Hansen Student awards must register at their school and take the qualifying test at locations to be announced. Information on all scholarships has been sent to qualifying area schools. Tentative test dates will be Oct. 7 and Oct. 8.

To qualify for taking a Hansen scholarship test, the student should have been an active participant in school, extra curricular and community activities; have displayed good citizenship, leadership, and moral integrity, and be proficient in written and verbal skills. The student's grade point average must be 3.50 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Those interested in applying for a

Community College award must be graduates of a high school in the 26 counties of the Northwest Kansas Hansen area, be completing their Community College work with a 3.0 average or better and possess good character and leadership qualities. They will not be required to take the test, but should complete the application and provide a supporting official transcript.

Applicants for Vo-Tech scholarships must complete the application form available at their school. The Scholarship Committee will be interested in the student's character, activities, goal and six-semester grades, but will not require applicants to take the qualifying test.

Students in Cheyenne county are among those eligible for Hansen scholarships.

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run through Nov. 11.

Hunting licenses can be purchased at Majestic, K-Store and the county clerk's office at the courthouse, all in St. Francis. They can also be purchased at the Country Trader, Vertie Bolyard, Bird City.

The popular sport of pheasant hunting will begin on Nov. 10. Look for more information on pheasant population in upcoming issues of *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. The fourth special area-wide hunting section will also be inserted in these publications before pheasant season arrives.

Interesting Facts

- Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": tremendous, Horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
- Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Neustra Senora la Reina de los angeles de Porciuncula" and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: "L.A."
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- The only real person to be a Pez head was Betsy Ross.
- When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

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From Aug. 24 through Sept. 4, sewer lines in St. Francis will be cleaned. People living in these areas have had tags left hanging on their doors.

It was noted that the sewer lines can develop air pressure or a partial vacuum from the cleaning process and, usually, any excess air pressure or vacuum will disappear through the plumbing vents. However, occasionally, there are homes with inadequate plumbing vents or no vents and air pressure could escape through toilets, floor, sink, tub or

shower drains causing water to splash out or a vacuum could draw the water out of the fixture traps causing an unpleasant odor.

To make sure this does not happen, cover floor drains with plastic and place a weight on the plastic. Cover toilets with plastic and close the lid on the plastic.

If there is an unpleasant odor, run water into each drain to re-fill the traps.

During the cleaning, water and drains may be used as normal.

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going back for information when I needed it," Mrs. Bucholtz said.

The computer opened doors to all sorts of interesting information and, when she and her husband Kurt bought an older home in St. Francis, she was able to learn restoration techniques.

She also enjoys making cards and working with pictures on the computer.

She and Mr. Bucholtz live on a farm west of St. Francis. Mr. Bucholtz farms as well as works for Lampe Hardware. They have six children and 14 grandchildren and being with family is a favorite pastime of the couple.

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
Cheyenne County Courthouse, St. Francis, Kansas

Billinger/Rosell, a Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff,

vs.
Stanley Peiker, d/b/a S.M.J. Construction and Manufacturing, et al., Defendants,

Case No. 02 C 06
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS TO: Stanley Peiker, d/b/a S.M.J. Construction and Manufacturing, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, creditors, trustees, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minor or in anywise under legal disability, and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, by Billinger/Rosell, a Limited Liability Company, praying for judgment against the defendant, Stanley Peiker, d/b/a S.M.J. Construction and Manufacturing, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, creditors, trustees, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minor or in anywise under legal disability, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, in the amount of Seventy-eight Thousand Eighty-two and 19/100ths Dollars (\$78,082.19), plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the unpaid principal amount of Seventy Thousand and no/100ths Dollars (\$70,000.00) from and after May 20, 2002, which is a per diem interest rate of \$19.18 per day, until paid, and for further judgment establishing that the

Installment Sales Contract between plaintiff and defendant, Stanley Peiker, d/b/a S.M.J. Construction and Manufacturing, be decreed to be a first and prior lien upon the following described real estate located in Cheyenne County, Kansas, to-wit:

A tract of land in the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N 1/2 NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Three (3) South, Range Forty (40) West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point which is Eight Hundred Fifty-six Feet (856') South and Four Hundred Eight Feet (480') West of the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-eight (28); thence due South a distance of Four Hundred Forty-eight and Fifty-five One Hundredths Feet (448.55') to the North right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 36 as laid out and constructed in 1933; thence in a Westerly direction upon and along said North right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway No. 36 a distance of Two Hundred Eighty-four (284'); thence North a distance of Four Hundred Forty-seven (447'); thence East a distance of Two Hundred Eighty-three and Ninety-three One Hundredths Feet (283.93') and in any event to the point of beginning; also known as Tract 12 in St. Francis Industrial Park according to the recorded plat thereof;

and for further judgment foreclosing said Installment Sales Contract, ordering the above described real estate sold to satisfy any judgment in favor of the plaintiff, and for recovery of unpaid real estate taxes, and court costs, including attorney's fees, and you are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before September 25, 2002, at 10:00 A.M. in said Court, at the Cheyenne County Courthouse, St. Francis, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course on said petition.

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