

County receives wind, rain, hail

By Karen Krien
 In northwest Kansas, the clouds build in the west and then, they seem to go either north or south—around Cheyenne County. However, a lot of the county residents saw rain, some wind and hail on Monday evening. The weather service started reporting severe weather late in the afternoon. It arrived in St. Francis about 6 p.m. Throughout the county, the rain

reports were different. In St. Francis, Kathy Woodcox, official weather observer, reported .92 inch and it came down hard. Fourteen miles northwest of St. Francis, Mary Rath said they had 2.60 inches of rain in 45 minutes. But, just 4 miles northeast of their home, the pasture had very little rain. At the Noel Rath farm, just a mile or so northwest, the rain had come

so hard that he had water in the basement. About 5 miles northwest of the Raths at the Roger Samler farm, there was lots of rain. Men were scooping mud out of the basement and garage Tuesday morning. Mr. Samler's mother Ione Maupin said he had gotten 2.5 inches of rain. There were two rains at his place but the second rain also brought hail. **See COUNTY on Page 7**



NEW POLE, NEW FLAG—City council and Veterans of Foreign Wars members, along with the St. Francis Firemen gathered around the new flag pole in the park. Fire chief George Harper raises the flag donated by the firemen.

Many give toward addition in park

By Sandy Barnhart
 St. Francis residents have had the pleasure and pride of seeing the United States flag by the band shell in the city park. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organized the purchasing of the pole "In Memory of All Who Have Served." Many organizations, businesses, individuals and the county commissioners helped with the funding. The city installed lights so the flag could be displayed year-round and recently a flag was donated by the

St. Francis Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Scott Schultz said that approximately three to four flags will be needed every year, with the price of one flag being around \$80. A special flag fund will be set up so organizations and individuals can contribute \$10, \$20 or more toward the purchase of a flag. Contact the city office for more information. Call 785-332-3142 or send contributions to the City Office, Box 517, St. Francis, KS 67756

City to cleanup this fall

By Sandy Barnhart
 With the fall season just around the corner, the St. Francis City Council again is focusing on property clean-up around town. There are three classes of property which will require action. The first will be those properties with weeds and debris needing cleaned up. These residents will receive regular nuisance letters from the superintendent's office. The second will include junk or abandoned vehicles/campers. The police department will be contacting these owners with verbal warnings which will be followed up in a week to 10-day warnings. If the nuisance is not removed legal enforcement procedure will begin. The third class will include buildings and/or trailer houses needing condemned. On this type of property, the city will proceed through the City Codes and Kansas Statutes. The council noted that with rain the last couple of weeks, a lot of the alleys are overgrown with weeds. Residents are responsible for cleanup of the alley next to their property.

KANSTEP
 Councilman Dale Weeks updated the council on the progress of the KANSTEP grant for the fire house and emergency medical building. A special city council meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Aug. 26 at the new city hall building at 209E. Washington. The council will need to approve a commitment from the city to carry insurance and pay the utilities on the building. Councilman Weeks noted that a similar building costs around \$2,500 a year for utilities. **Car crusher**
 Jett Fromholtz, owner of Fromholtz Body Shop, requested to the council that council members visit with him once a year concerning wrecked cars that are stored west of town by the river and railroad tracks. Junk and wrecked vehicles are **See CLEANUP on Page 7**



CHECKING OUT THE LUMINARIAS—Sharon Elliott was one of the walkers in the Relay For Life cancer walk on Saturday. She is checking the name written on the luminaria sacks. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Walk raises over \$17,000 to help with research

Over 130 volunteers walked through the night on Saturday and Sunday to raise money for cancer research. Last year, the Relay for Life raised \$15,000; at the close of the events this year, over \$17,000 was collected for the American Cancer Society and donations are still coming in. The sixth annual Cheyenne

County Relay for Life was held at Sawhill Park from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. According to participants and observers, it was a wonderful experience. Teams of walkers kept someone on the track around Sawhill Park all during the event. There were 54 cancer survivors walking the first lap. Carrying the banner in the Survivor's Lap were Joe and

Charlene Kramer, Raedell Winston and Kenny Bracelin. A donation to the American Cancer Society bought a luminaria and the names of loved ones who have lost their fight to Cancer, or have survived this disease were placed on luminaria sacks, which were lit by a candle. A total of 618 luminarias were **See \$17,000 on Page 7**

Commissioners consider telephone for the elevator

By Karen Krien
 Cheyenne County Commissioners talked about putting a phone in the elevator in the courthouse. The matter was tabled until more information is available. About two weeks ago, the courthouse elevator had quit sometime in the night and when the staff came to work in the morning, it would not work. Had there been someone in it when it quit, they might have been in there for hours. Clerk Terry Miller said there was wiring for a phone in the elevator but no phone had ever been installed. He had checked with SBC officials who said the phone would need to be activated and then the cost for only local

service would be \$14 per month. The commissioners wondered if there might be some other program that would cost less. Clerk Miller will look into it and report at the next meeting. **Budget hearing**
 The county Budget Hearing was scheduled for 9 a.m. County attorney Justin Barrett protested the amount he had been budgeted, saying that his assistant, Jolene Dodd, was worth more money than she was being paid and he also needed her for additional hours. He said that her legal experience is very valuable and it would take considerable time to train another person. He also lives in Colby and cannot be in the county

every week day. The commissioners noted that both he and the secretary had received a 3 percent increase—would he be willing to put his 3 percent toward the secretary's salary. He indicated that this would be difficult. Before, county attorneys had been lawyers in the county and had used their office secretaries for the county's legal work. He said he had already cut corners and he did not plan going over his budget. That was why he was talking to the commissioners. The commissioners discussed ways of dealing with the county attorney's request and finally decided **See ELEVATOR on Page 7**



DENVER FLIERS, Joe Elliott, left, and John Evans were among those attending the eighth annual Mark Forsythe Fly-In. Mr. Evans was flying the plane pictured to the right.

People meet in St. Francis to fly their remote planes

By Karen Krien
 Flying remote airplanes is becoming increasingly popular as was evident at the eighth annual Mark Forsythe Fly-In held in St. Francis on Aug. 5 and 6. Each year, the Fly-In is held at the Cheyenne County Airport during the fair. This year, there were 56 remote planes flying, about 10 more than last year. A plane with a 9-foot wing span was one of the highlights of the Fly-In. This plane belongs to John Evans of Denver. Mr. Evans also had the only night flier this year. Hosted by Larry Forsythe and Deanna Forsythe, the two-day event often starts earlier on Thursday and last into Sunday. However, Friday and Saturday are designated as the "Fly-In days." Flyers arrive with fifth-wheels, in motor homes and some stay in the motels. The Forsythes always furnish the noon meal on Saturday.

Each year, the menu is different. Last year, the entree was ostrich sloppy joes. This year, people enjoyed meatloaf made with ostrich accompanied by scallop potatoes and three-bean salad.

Mr. Forsythe said fliers come from Montana and Texas. He estimated the total cost of the planes at the Fly-In to be \$20,000. Many of the planes are **See PLANES on Page 7**



TAKES SKILL and practice to fly remote airplanes. *Herald staff photos by Karen Krien*

