

Fun run and walk set during the fair

In conjunction with the Cheyenne County Fair, the St. Francis United Methodist Church will sponsor a 5k run and 2-mile walk once again. The run-walk will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, starting at the St. Francis High School. The entry fee is \$15 before Aug. 1 and \$20 after that.

T-shirts will be given to each participant. There will be medals for first through third place in each age group in the run and medals for the first 15 walkers to finish.

Refreshments will be served after the race and there will be drawings for gift certificates donated by local businesses and for prizes donated by the United Methodist Thrift Store.

The 5k course will start at the school and take the south route around the cemetery. The 2-mile walk will take the north route out toward the cemetery one mile and then return the same route. There will be water stations along the route.

Registration forms may be picked up at the church office or may be obtained by calling 772-7098, emailing warrencico@yahoo.com, or at the church website: www.umcstfrancisks.org.

To have a successful race, said Rev. Cico, we need several volunteers to help in a variety of ways. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church.

Bird City News

Weekend guests of Kent and Margaret Voorhies were Kent's daughter Rachel Heydt and her three daughters, Tiannon, Allison and Olivia from Cummings, Ga.

Kent's daughter Kassidy Voorhies came from Goodland to attend church and spend the day with them.

Ron and Arlene Haack flew in from Tampa Florida last Tuesday to spend a week with their son Brendan Haack, and Ron's mother Vernetta Haack.

Thomas Gabaldon from Denver spent the week with his grandparents Isabelle and Steve Headrick to get away from the

smoke from the fires as it was stirring up his asthma.

Guests of Paul and Edna Roesener for the 4th of July week-end were: daughter Cathy Atkins of Hot Springs, S.D., grand-daughter Michelle Stasser and girls from Midwest, Okla., Bethany Stoney and girls of Great Bend; Roy, Karen and Grant Shrader and Grants friend.

Wesleyan Community Church Sunday evening service had 27 in attendance for the Contemporary Praise and Worship and interactive preaching and Bible study.

Student News

Garden City Community College has released honor rolls for the spring semester of 2012. Adrian Garcia, a graduate from Cheylin high school, is listed on the Dean's honor roll.

In order to be listed on the Dean's honor roll students must earn a grade point average of 3.2 to 3.999. Students must be enrolled in eight of more credit hours.

Book signing scheduled

Award winning author Kristen Heitzmann will be in St. Francis on Saturday to speak and sign books.

A noon salad luncheon at Cuppa Joe Espresso is sponsored by the Mug N Muffin Book Group and will precede the story of Kristen's publishing journey and book signing. The luncheon is free of charge and open to the public, but reservations are appreciated. Books will be available for purchase.

of two historical series as well as 10 contemporary romantic and psychological suspense novels, including *The Still of Night*, nominated for the Colorado Book Award; *The Tender Vine*, a Christy Award finalist; and the Christy Award-winning *Secrets*.

She lives in the Colorado Rocky Mountain foothills with her husband Jim and sundry family members and pets.

To make a reservation for lunch or for inquiries please call Kim Zweygardt at 785-332-2487.



KENT VOORHIES worked on his irrigation system since the first of the year. It was finally working properly to irrigate his corn when the recent rain put it back out of commission.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Across the County

By Marty Fear,
Cheyenne County Extension Agent

Drought Resources Available on K-State Research and Extension Website

With daytime temperatures hovering around 100 degrees and drought conditions spreading across Kansas and other states, K-State Research and Extension has pulled together resources to help homeowners, farmers, and others manage their property and personal health.

The resources are available at www.ksre.ksu.edu/drought. The website includes links to information designed to help individuals, families, and crop and livestock producers. It also includes information focused on lawns and gardens. The resources include news releases, fact sheets, publications, and video and audio interviews with a variety of specialists.

In addition, the site includes links to the Extension Disaster Education Network; the U.S. Drought Monitor, which gives a visual image of drought conditions across the United States; and the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center.

Leaf Loss Means Tree Stress

This summer's yellowing and falling trees leaves are signs

of stress, as are the browning leaves that stay in place. Trees are reflecting the unusually warm, droughty weather that started last summer.

"Adequate water remains vital. With that, many trees can survive, if they also have enough stored energy reserves to make it through to next spring. Their twigs and buds will tell the story," said Ward Upham, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist. Typically, leaf loss isn't serious if it simply results in general thinning.

"Trees often set more leaves in spring than they can support during summer's weather. So, they reduce leaf numbers," he said. "This summer's thinning could look a

little worrisome, though, unless you remember trees probably lost some roots over the past year."

During extreme summers, certain trees (e.g., the hackberry) will drop all leaves and enter summer dormancy. "Dormant trees should still have supple twigs and healthy buds," Mr. Upham said. "If so, the effect on tree health is likely to be minor. The tree should leaf out normally next spring. "However, if any section of the tree has brittle twigs and dead buds, that part, at least, is dead."

When trees finally can't keep up with their own moisture demands, they quickly die - seemingly overnight. Their leaves turn

brown, but may remain attached to the tree. "Again, though, twigs and buds are the most important clue to a tree's health," Mr. Upham said. "So long as buds are alive and twigs are supple, a tree has life. You should wait to see how it responds next spring."

Consult K-State's new factsheets about best watering practices for trees and shrubs. Those factsheets are on the Web at www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/hort2/MF2800.pdf and www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/hort2/MF2801.pdf.

Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty

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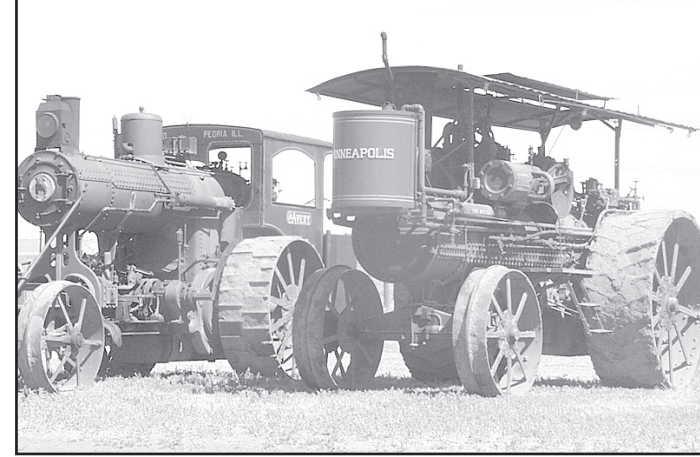
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Sunday

Ham

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Lunch

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Aug. 1 - Aug. 4

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