

**Blue-green algae in lakes**

This time of year lots of families find themselves heading to the lake for a weekend of water skiing, swimming, fishing and family fun in the water. Do you know if the water you are swimming and skiing in is algae free? The Kansas Department of Health and Environment samples publicly accessible bodies of water for cyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae, when the agency is alerted to a potential algae bloom in Kansas lakes. When harmful algal blooms are present, department in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and other lake managers where appropriate, responds by informing the public of these conditions. For those of you that go out of state to other surrounding area lakes, please make sure you contact the lakes

managers for algae reports at that particular lake.

The department of health and environment and the department of wildlife and parks would like to remind lake goers of the following:

- When a lake is under an advisory or warning;
- Marinas, lakeside businesses, and park camping facilities remain open for business, although swim beaches will be closed. Water contact is prohibited. Avoid swimming, wading or other activities with full body contact of the lake.
- Park drinking water and showers are safe and not affected by the algae bloom.
- It is safe to eat fish caught during a harmful blue-green algae outbreak, as long as consumers clean and rinse the fish with clean,

potable water; consume only the fillet portion; and discard all other parts.

- People should also wash their hands with clean, potable water after handling fish taken from an affected lake.
- Humans, pets and livestock do not drink lake water.
- Do not allow pets to eat dried algae.
- Avoid areas of visible algae accumulation.

The department continues to keep local health departments up-to-date on Kansas lake advisories and warnings. For more information on blue-green algae and lake reports, contact the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381.

By  
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DR. ALLARD, left, makes her rounds at her going away reception held last Tuesday night in the clinic basement. Dr. Allard talks to Glenda Rieger's grandson, right.

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A VERY OLD TREE was cut down last week in Steve Jenkins' yard. It was rumored to be one of the oldest trees in the town.

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**Lines from the Library**

By Pat Leibbrandt

We have received the following new books at the library:

- Christmas With Tucker* - by Gregory Kincaid; *Sweet Sanctuary* - by Kim Vogel Sawyer; *Heartbeat* - by George Bush; *First Father, First Daughter* - by Maureen Reagan; *Reflections* - by Barbara Bush; *Sweet Salt Air* - by Barbara Delinsky; *The Guardian* - by Beverly Lewis; *The Quarryman's Bride* - by Tracie Peterson;

- One Heart To Win* - by Johanna Lindsay; *Classified* - by Fern Michaels and *Second Honeymoon* - by James Patterson.

- We have received the following new books in the children's department. *Lucky Goes to School* - by Gail Herman; *Bad Hair Day* - by Susan Hood; *What a Hungry Puppy* - by Gail Herman; *Summer Adventures* - by Catherine Saunders; *Dog Days*; *Missy The Show -Me-Mule* - by Nancy

- Tuminelly; *Robot Rampage* - by Christy Webster; *Green Team* - by Christy Webster; *The Spring Chicken* - by Mary Tilworth; *Biscuit In The Garden* - by Alyssa Satin Capucilli; *Tiny's Bath* - by Carl Meister; *Fancy Nancy: Too Many Tutus* - by Jane O'Connor; *Carnival At Candlelight* - by Mary Pope Osborne; *Fairy House* - by Victoria Kann; *The Animal Shelter Mystery* - by Gertrude Chandler Warner.

**Last week of June was designated for national lightning awareness**

The week of June 23-29 was designated National Lightning Safety Awareness Week.

Across the country, National Weather Service offices are promoting lightning awareness by issuing public information statements, posting news articles and sending safety reminders on Facebook and Twitter.

The Fourth of July holiday is fast approaching; a time when people are outdoors at picnics, at the lake, playing baseball, and attending parades and fireworks displays. Many lightning fatalities and injuries occur this time of year,

which is one reason why late June was chosen as a time to promote lightning safety nationally.

When we take a look at lightning fatalities occurring over the past five years, we find most victims are male (about 80 percent), most occur in June, July, August, and most occur at ball fields, parks, on the beach and under trees. So far in 2013, seven people have died as a result of being struck by lightning. All were outdoors, three of the seven were in boats fishing on a lake or river and one was walking along a beach.

The National Weather Service

has excellent information on lightning awareness, and everyone is encouraged to visit our site. Topics include the science of lightning, indoor and outdoor safety, myths and facts, statistics of being killed or injured by lightning and what type of injuries occur with lightning strike victims.

The web site is located at: [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov). Or go to [www.weather.gov/goodland](http://www.weather.gov/goodland) now has a story in the Top News of the Day section with a link to the NWS lightning web site.

**Student News**

Two St. Francis students were among more than 350 Kansas State University students earning graduation honors with their degrees.

Courtney Douthit graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Cum Laude; and Heather Hnizdil,

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Cum Laude

Both Courtney and Heather are graduates of St. Francis Community High School. Courtney is the daughter of Steve and Melva Douthit, St. Francis; and Heather is the daughter of Tom and Marilyn Hnizdil, St. Francis.

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Because of the holiday newspapers delivered on routes will be a day late!

Ad deadline for the Country Advocate will be Wednesday, July 3.

