



LOTS OF BLACK SMOKE poured out a ditch behind the old Wheeler Motel on Wednesday. The motel is in the process of being leveled and the workmen took the opportunity of a day with little wind to burn some of the debris.



BURNING TUMBLEWEEDS close to the house of Karen Neitzel, southwest of Wheeler, were put out by St. Francis Firemen on Wednesday.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



Magee — Strutt

Couple to wed

Dale Strutt of Mead, Colo., and Stephanie Scheck of Russell, announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Grace to Tyler Franklin Magee of Carbondale.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Russell High School. She is the school nurse at Jardine Middle School in Topeka and is currently pursuing a higher education in health care.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Santa Fe Trail High School and Washburn University. He currently works for Vanguard Precast in Topeka.

Sarah is the granddaughter of Joe and Ada Strutt of Stockton, Lola Boyd of Omaha, and the late Blaine Winder of Waldo.

Tyler is the son of Steve and Joyce Magee, grandson to Madonna Magee of Topeka, and the late Katherine Burbank of Baldwin City.

Together they share a son Conner Blaine Magee.

They will be united in marriage at the St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church on April 28 in Topeka.

Club Clip

Classy Classic Red Hatters

The Classy Classic Red Hatters of St. Francis were a perfect combination of fabulous and fun as they gathered at the stomach-friendly Heritage Corner Cafe of Bird City for a zesty pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Observers believe the Classy Classic Red Hatters have a bounce in their steps that makes them want to celebrate.

November birthday hostess, Dolores Wiley, decorated the friendly dining room with autumn cornucopias, fresh fall flowers in hollow pumpkins and colorful holiday napkins. Little orange and tan paper-mache pumpkins were placed at 18 place settings for favors. The eureka moment happened when cafe manager, Connie Miller (a Red Hat member) served a bountiful dinner which made the house

full of guests absolutely gaga.

Happy conversation and laughter filled the evening. The meeting adjourned.



Cassie Goddard

Birthday celebrated

Cassidy Rae Goddard, daughter of Casey and Lindsey Goddard of Haxtun, celebrated her first birthday Sept. 27, 2006.

Grandparents are Chuck and Lynne Ferguson of Holyoke and Claude and JoAnn Goddard of Haxtun.

Great-grandparents are Manson and Bonnie Jones of St. Francis; Gaylord and Ann Goddard of Haxtun; and Viola Belle Zimmerman of Fort Collins.



Couple announce their engagement

Keith and Sharon Newton of Wilmington, Ohio, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Lee, to Michael Allen Dorsch, son of Vickie Dorsch of Salina and Bob Dorsch of St. Francis.

The wedding will be an event of Dec. 16 at the Wilmington United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Wilmington High School and a 2005 graduate of Wright State University with a bachelor's in biological sciences.

She is currently seeking her licensure and masters of education degree at Antioch University-McGregor in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School. He is also a 2005 graduate of Wright State University with a bachelors degree in biological sciences and chemistry. He recently completed his masters degree in education and is currently a high school chemistry teacher in Middletown.



Wilmington — Dorsch

St. Francis News

Milton and Betty Lampe were guests of Kirk and Debbie Grizzell of Macksville from Wednesday until Sunday, Nov. 22 to 26.

A Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed on Thursday. Travis Grizzell and Kristen Allen of Hays and Kyle Grizzell of Pratt were also guests on Wednesday night and Thursday.

On Saturday, Milton and Betty and Debbie set up a booth at the Art and Craft Showing in Pratt, and stopped to visit Kyle.

The Lampe's returned home on Sunday.

Holiday guests of Earl and Bev Crowe were John and LaRell McWilliams and family of Thorton, Colo., grandson Johnathan and Mandy McWilliams, Aurora, Colo., and nephew Les Rogers, Thorton. While in St. Francis, they helped the Crowes get ready for the opening of B&E Hilltop Laundry.

Holiday house guests of Billy and Karen Krien were Kelly

Allen, Bridgette Allen, Todd Krien and Marilyn Krien. They also visited with Bill and Leone Krien. Other guests were Jim and Loretta Touslee, Sarah Hopper, T.J., Lucas and Jesse, Phil and Jodi Kastalic and Kali.

Thanksgiving Day guest of Phil and Maxine Crawford were Virginia Crawford, Lary Crawford and Delores and her two daughters.

Concert set for Dec. 12

One of Wichita's most enduring yuletide traditions is only a short time away. The Wichita Symphony Orchestra's Free Family Holiday Concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the Century II Convention Hall.

The theme for this year's program is The Spirit of Christmas. Guest conductor Jay Decker will be on the podium for an evening of seasonal favorites. Highlights will include the frolicsome *Sleigh Ride* by Leroy Anderson, Irving Berlin's wistful *White Christmas* and plenty of Christmas carols. As always, audience members will have the opportunity to join in with several sing-alongs.

Joining the orchestra will be the Butler Community College Choir, one of the finest collegiate choruses in the Midwest. Special



Rueb

guest singer David Rogers will be featured in *A Gospel Christmas*, a medley of gospel holiday music. Rumor has it another special seasonal visitor will take time from his busy schedule to pay a visit. So be sure to tell your children and grandchildren they should be extra..... well, you know what!

Former St. Francis student Kali Rueb is a member of the Butler Community College Choir. She is a sophomore at Butler.

An important tradition of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra's Family Holiday Concert is the opportunity to help those less fortunate. Everyone is requested to bring canned food or other non-perishables for the Kansas Foodbank. Their mission has never been more relevant, especially during the holiday season...because no one should ever go hungry.



Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is priceless

This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and *Bird City Times* staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 6 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to *The Herald* at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001, or drop them off or e-mail to sfherald@nwkansas.com titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."

For more details, contact Casey McCormick at the *Saint Francis Herald* at 785-332-3162

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