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Planes to start arriving Friday



By Karen Krien

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The 28th Stearman Fly-In will be held Saturday and Sunday on the Cheyenne County Airport in St. Francis. The free event features Stearman airplanes, which are World War II era open-cock-

pit, fabric-covered biplanes powered by radial engines.

For the first time ever, a Speedmail is expected to arrive at this year's Fly-In. Alan Lopez from New Jersey, is bringing his rare NC785H, which was originally delivered to Standard Oil of Cali-

fornia as an executive transport circa 1930. Only 40 Speedmails were ever built, and six or seven still fly, said Stearman expert Ted Miller.

In addition to the Stearman aircraft, many other pilots fly in to display their aircraft, which

include some rare warbirds and experimental category aircraft. Hot air balloons launch at sunrise on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Skydiving demonstrations and Stearman rides take place throughout the day on Saturday. The Fly-In ends at noon on

Sunday.

Breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday and breakfast only on Sunday. More information is available at www.stearmanflyin.org or 785-332-2251.



LIGHTNING STRUCK the phone pole near Fourth and Lorrwaine streets on Sunday evening.

Herald photo by Casey McCormick

Lots of wind, lightning

There has been lots of wind, lots of lightning and the temperatures have soared into the 90s. However, very little rain has fallen in the St. Francis area. Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported .43 inch in the last week.

Date	H	L	Prec
June 1	91	53	
June 2	79	55	.01
June 3	92	56	
June 4	94	64	
June 5	85	62	.02
June 6	87	61	.40
June 7	84	61	T

Wheat looking good; stripe rust is problem

By Jeanne Falk

K-State Northwest Area Agronomist

The wheat seems to be in great shape for good harvest this year.

Cheyenne County has been getting all the ingredients for great yields – good moisture and cool temperatures. However, diseases also love these conditions. That is why health of wheat is a hot topic. Stripe rust is the main culprit and occurring in wheat throughout the area.

This rust is brought to the area by strong winds from Texas. This year has especially high stripe rust pressure due to changes in this disease.

This disease is constantly changing and adapting to the wheat crop. The difference this year is due to stripe rust overcoming the resistance in the Jagger variety.

Jagger is a variety that is not planted on many acres as it once was, however it is highly used as a parent in wheat breeding. Several varieties planted in this area have Jagger in their parent lines. They include: Jagalene, PostRock, Fuller, Overley and Hawken.

The varieties with resistance are TAM 111, T-81 and Hatcher. The challenge with Hatcher is that it shows flecks on the leaf that increase in size and turn the leaf yellow.

The weather for the last month or so has been perfect for wheat and stripe rust. The temperatures were in the 60s and 70s and fields were getting rain once or twice a week. This made it hard for the wheat canopy to dry out completely and created the microenvironment for stripe rust to flourish.

The temperatures that we have been having lately do not favor stripe rust. It does not like very hot daytime temperatures (85+ degrees), but stays alive with the cool over-night temperatures.

Fungicides can help control stripe rust. The challenge is to get them applied at full head emer-

Plot tour set

Temperatures have warmed up, there has been rain and the wheat appears to be growing overnight. There should be a good showing for the annual wheat plot tour at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16. The plots are located at Sunny Crest Farm south of Wheeler on K-27, then west on Rd. J.

There are 21 wheat varieties planted, some with seed treatments. There are also wheat diseases in the plot which will be talked about.

New this year is the bread demonstration also starting at 5:30 p.m. at Goodland Greenline, Wheeler. The demonstration is geared more toward the wives who do not want to attend the wheat plot tour but have come with their husbands.

Following the wheat plot tour, supper, sponsored by the county grain dealers, will be available at Goodland Greenline

For more information, contact the Extension office at 784-332-3171.

gence - prior to flowering (for products like Quilt) or to have them applied 30 prior to harvest (for products like ProSaro and Folicure).

It seems like this window may be a little wider this year because the wheat is a bit behind in development. This is primarily due to the great growing conditions that have allowed for a long grain-fill period.



THE YOUNGER SWIM TEAM members, Mia Morrow, left, and Lyden Lampe, couldn't get in the water so used the next best thing to entertain themselves and stay cool.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



READY FOR BUSINESS — Western State Bank will open its doors to the public on Tuesday. Goodell Greenhouse personnel have been landscaping, making that one of the last jobs to be done. Employees will move in on Monday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

New bank opens on Tuesday

By Karen Krien

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After months of watching the progress of the new building on the corner of Washington and Francis streets, St. Francis, the new Western State Bank building is finished and will open on Tuesday.

The bank opened a small branch office on 114 E. Washington three years ago. Troy Hilt, president, and Stephanie Workman, loan administrative assistant, held down the office, and were able to offer most of the same services as the other banks. It was the sixth of seven Western State Banks to be established.

Mr. Hilt said on Monday, they

will start disassembling the current office and the desks, equipment and files will be moved. The internet technicians will come from Garden City to get the computers and system up and going by the following day.

On Tuesday, the bank's door will be officially open. There will be two new employees, Amy Hilt and Rachel Schmidt, who will take the position as tellers.

The bank lobby will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drive thru will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00. There is a 24-hour ATM accessible through the drive

up along with night depository service.

Western State is a full-service bank offering checking, savings accounts as well as CD's. They also provide agriculture and commercial lending along with consumer credit and long-term home loan financing.

A grand opening is planned for July after wheat harvest with more details to follow.

Mr. Hilt has been in the banking business for 18 years. He was born and raised in St. Francis and graduated from Colby Community College, then Kansas State University. He and his wife, Leisha, have two daughters.

Third grader heads up business

By Karen Krien

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Kids are generally looking for summer jobs. Some mow lawns and others babysit. Audrey Meyer has started her own business, "Sundaes on Sunday."

She is quick to add that she couldn't run the business without the help of her parents and grandparents, Troy and Kari Meyer and Bud and Lounie Erskin.

The business is open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays at Majestic Service on West U.S. 36. It features vanilla and chocolate ice cream in a bowl or a cone, or there is a variety of toppings for sundaes with the extras such as nuts, candy, cookies or brownies. For the hardy ice cream lover or several who want to share, there is the "Ultimate Summer Bonanza" served in a sand pail.

There are also the "Audrey Specialty Sundaes," which include the "Snowy Mountain" (chocolate ice cream, marshmallow topping and nuts); the "Black Forrest" (a brownie, chocolate ice cream and cherry topping); The "Strawberry Delight" (chocolate ice cream, strawberry topping and nuts); "Monkey Madness" (bananas, vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup and sprinkles); and the "Chocolate Chip Cookie Sandwich"



YOUNG BUSINESSWOMAN, Audrey Meyer serves an ice cream sundae to Joan Richard. Herald photo by Karen Krien

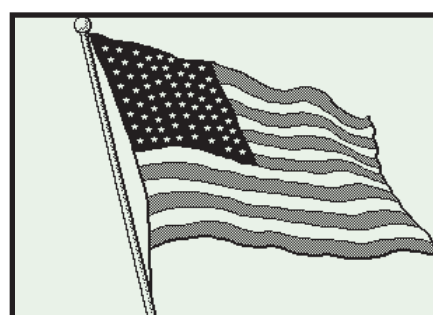
(vanilla or chocolate ice cream).

Audrey said she is responsible for paying for all the ingredients as well as the advertising. She waits on her customers, serves the ice cream, then cleans off the tables.

She said her favorite is chocolate ice cream served on a brownie

with chocolate syrup and marshmallow cream.

Audrey, who will be in the third grade next year, said she plans to be open every Sunday through the summer and, then she will decide whether to be open during the fall and winter.



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