



MOTHER NATURE'S wrath was evident when lightning split part of a tree. Vanessa Wieck shows where a bolt went through this tree at Adams and Emerson. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Lightening strikes cause more damage

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Lately, there have been weather forecasts and warnings of severe weather in northwest Kansas. Vanessa Wieck, St. Francis, saw what lightning can do to a tree on Tuesday, June 8.

She and her friend, Ron Knittle, were near a window about 11:30 that night and happened to see a strike of lightning that split the bark off a tree across the street on Adams and Emerson streets.

It took me out of my chair and Ron saw the bright flash hit the tree and his eyes burned. The whole house lit up, Vanessa said.

Following the strike, Ron said the tree appeared to be smoking but, on closer examination, there was no burn mark so he figured it must have been dust in the tree.

Warnings

The National Weather Service has several warnings on what people should do or not do when there is lightning present.

Lightning is one of nature's most awe inspiring and dangerous phenomenon. The average lightning flash could light a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months! The temperature of a lightning bolt may reach 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit which is hotter than the surface of the sun!

On average, lightning kills one person in Kansas per year, and about 73 nationwide. In fact, lightning remains one of the most deadly weather phenomena in the U.S., and it can occur almost anywhere throughout the entire year.

Lightning occurring during snowstorms has even killed people! Many people incur injuries or are killed due to misinformation and inappropriate behavior during thunderstorms.

A few simple precautions can reduce many of the dangers posed by lightning.

- Once thunder is heard, it is time to act to prevent being struck by lightning. Generally speaking, once a person can see lightning or hear thunder, they're already at risk for lightning injury or death. If the time delay between seeing the flash (lightning) and hearing the bang (thunder) is less than 30 seconds, immediately seek a safer location.

- Avoid being in or near high places and open fields, isolated trees, gazebos, open sided picnic shelters, baseball dugouts, communication towers, flagpoles, light poles, bleachers (metal or wood), metal fences, convertibles, golf carts, water (ocean, lakes, swimming pools, rivers, etc.)
- When inside a building avoid

the use of the telephone or computer, taking a shower, washing your hands, doing dishes, or any contact with conductive surfaces with exposure to the outside such as metal door or window frames, electrical wiring, telephone wiring, cable television wiring, plumbing, etc.

- If driving stay in your automobile. An enclosed automobile offers reasonably good protection from lightning, as long as you don't touch metal.
- Pay attention to weather warning devices such as NOAA Weather Radio and/or credible Lightning Detection systems. NOAA All Hazards Radio and local weather forecasts should be monitored prior to any outdoor event to determine if thunderstorms are in the forecast. Use good common sense if living in or traveling across Kansas this year.

More information on lightning can be found at <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/>

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CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511
Fri., June 25
CSMC at 9 a.m.

Death notice
Vivian Gail Seymour, 90, Bird City, died Friday, June 11, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Society in Atwood. She was born Feb. 4, 1920, in Bird City.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Visitation is from 1 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.

Memorials may be made to the church or the Bird City Senior Center.

Death notice

Annabelle Lea Nelsen, 84, died, Saturday, June 12, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. She was born on Jan. 10, 1926.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Visitation is from 1 to 7 p.m. June 16 at Knodel Funeral in St. Francis.

Memorials may be made to the Annabelle Nelsen Memorial Fund.

Card Shower

A card shower is being held for Rocky Diederich, Thursday, June 17. Send cards to 1185 S. Sunflower, Oberlin KS 67749.

Offices closed on July 5

Ad pictures and story deadline for the July 8 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, as the offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July. The newspapers will be published and delivered one day late that week.

Friends of Scouting open house

The St. Francis Scout families will host an open house on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. for alumni and friends of Scouting in appreciation of all the financial support provided to repair the building. All in the community are invited.

School board

The St. Francis Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, in the meeting room at the high school to pay the end of the fiscal year bills. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 8 p.m. on July 8 in the high school meeting room.

Kids football camp

The St. Francis Rec Commission's kids football camp will be taking place from June 21 until June 24. The camp is for youth

fourth through seventh grade. Equipment check-out will be from 8 to 9 a.m. on Monday with the camp running from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. There will be a need for two checks, one for the camp and one for the equipment. The check for the equipment will be returned when the equipment is checked back in. Call Coach Nathan Smith at 332-4489 if additional information is needed.

Epicenter Conference

A Philadelphia Epicenter Conference 2010 Webcast is being held at Peace Lutheran Church on Friday night, June 25 and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. Check ad in this issue of *The Herald* for additional information.

4-H car wash

The Cheyenne County 4-H'ers enrolled in shooting sports will hold a car wash from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Brunk's Machine and Service on U.S. 36 and Benton Street. For more information, see the ad located in this paper or call the Extension office, 332-3171.

Toy Museum

The David Clark Memorial Toy Museum will be open this Father's Day (Sunday) from 1 to 8 p.m. The museum is located in Bird City on the Tri-State Thresher grounds. There is no admission.

Historical Society news

The Historical Society will be serving a brat lunch at the picnic area next to the Cheyenne County Museum at noon on Saturday, June 19 (Alumni weekend). Free-will donations will be accepted.

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group, for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, will meet at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 808 South First Street, Highway 25, in Atwood. Enter the east door.

The events are planned for 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month (June 20). Please call Tara Bowles at (785) 626-3211 or Maralyn Cooper at 1-800-315-5122 to register.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet on Monday, June 28.

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, in the clinic basement meeting room in St. Francis.

Dane G. Hansen Museum

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present Fragile Nature, photographs by Joel Sartore, scheduled to open June 25, 2010, and run through Aug. 8, 2010.

The photographer takes the viewer on assignment with the National Geographic.

Recovery Today/

Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 342-0028 or (785) 332-8607 for more information.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7-day-a-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information call the toll-free number 1-900-794-4624.

Correction

• Laura Pugh was not listed with Pat Confer and Shirley Sherlock as being on the Program Committee for Tuesday Club.

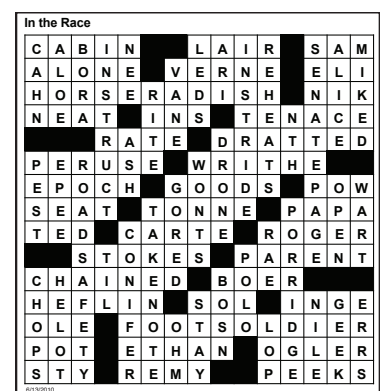
• Joe Kinning of Minneapolis, Minn., also attended the reunion of the Edwin and LaVera Beringer family on May 30 at the St. Francis Senior Center.

Scholarship given to St. Francis grad

The Craig Clark Memorial Scholarship for 2010 has been awarded to BreAna Zweygardt. The scholarship was presented by a member of the Clark family on Sunday, May 23.

This scholarship is privately funded by the Clark family and is awarded to a deserving senior who is interested in an education in welding, metal fabrication, or auto mechanics.

Craig Clark spent his life on the farm taking care of his family and pursuing his passion as a highly successful tractor puller. He built his tractors and kept up his farm machinery by using skills he learned while attending high school in St. Francis. He died suddenly in 2009.



Weather

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June 10	94	62	
June 11	84	55	.06
June 12	62	55	1.32
June 13	67	49	T
June 14	73	48	

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 2 hr. 20 min.

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The adolescent project has started at the Cheyenne County Health Department. The Second Varicella Vaccine (Chickenpox Shot) is now available!

If you have not broke out with the Chickenpox Disease and had only one chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine — a second dose is available. Two doses recommended by the ACIP for all ages.

Call the Cheyenne County Health Department for more information at 785-332-2381

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1999 Crown Victoria LX, Cloth, AT, 74K, #53870B	\$7,000
2007 Escape XLT, Cloth w/Sunroof, 4x4, AT, #5929	\$20,950
2004 Crown Vic LX, Leather, 4.6L, 85K, #08630A	\$9,500
2005 Five Hundred SEL, AWD, V6, AT, 145K, #T8182A	\$9,050
2009 Taurus SEL, FWD, 19K, #22370	\$21,550
2002 F250 S/C, XLT, 7.3L, 4x4, #T5678A	\$13,500
2007 Explorer XLT, w/Lthr, 4x4, 44K, #T0243A	\$20,275
2006 Ranger XLT, S/C, AT, 4x2, 29K, #T1823A	\$15,995
2007 Freestyle Limited, FWD, DVD, NAV., #5860	\$20,175
2008 F350 S/C, XL, 4x4, AT, L.Box, 6.4L, 87K, #T4205A	\$27,500
1998 Dodge Ram, 1500, S/C, 4x4, 165K, #T1758A	\$5,000
2007 F150 S/C, XL, 4x4, 34K, #T9780	\$23,500
2006 F150 S/C XL, L. Box, AT, 4x4, 44K, #23451A	\$20,400
1981 Chevy R/C, V-8, 4x4, AT, 157K, #T3568M	\$2,000
2007 Mercury Mountaineer Premier, AWD, #T3352	\$26,250
2008 Toyota Tundra SR5, Only 23K miles, #T0378A	\$31,000
2008 Escape XLT, Cloth, AT, 44K, #T8557A	\$19,800
2004 Mercury Grand Marquis LS, 64K, #T6578A	\$11,825
2008 Edge Limited, AWD, 19,000 miles, #T0289	\$27,500
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