Droughttouches many; prayers are offered

Thursday, July 25, 2002

By Karen Krien

Each night this week, different church groups and organizations will be meeting at the band shell in Sawhill Park, St. Francis, to pray for rain. The prayer meetings start at 8 p.m. Everyone is urged to come to each night's meeting. For more information, contact Bethany Bartlett, coordinator, at 785-332-3379.

On Sunday night, the prayer meeting was led by Pastor David Rossbach, Peace Lutheran Church. He talked about Palestine and how drought was not strange to Palestinians and how, when the Old Testament was put together, God called his people together to form a covenant.

Pastor Rossbach read from Deuteronomy 11 which talks about The pastor asked the audience sev-

eral questions for each individual to think about.

He asked, "Is there a connection between what we suffer today and out faith in God?"

He referred to the drought in much of the midwest but noted Texas was getting more than enough rain. "Are we greater sinners than the folks in Texas?" he asked. "I don't think so."

Psalms 145 and 147 and then to Zechariah 10. He told that the Peace Church con-

He turned to God's promises in

church congregations had been praying for rain for sometime. "Are we to understand that we are

without moisture because we're not walking straight?" he asked. "There's hope and strength in the

scriptures as well as in each other. "And, we know what it is like to re-



PRAYING FOR RAIN on Sunday evening were a number of residents. Songs were sung, people spoke, gregation, along with the other and prayers were offered. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

strength in each other, in our faith and endurance."

Other speakers were Keith Dankenbring, Kim Zweygardt, John promised to provide for his children's Bartlett, Lea Keller, Kathy Rainbolt needs. That, maybe today, wealth and and Paul Rainbolt. Bethany Bartlett other things are really more than also challenged the audience to share people's "needs."

 $ceive good \, blessings. \, We \, need \, to \, gather \quad their \, blessings \, \, with \, those \, present.$

Mr. Dankenbring reminded individuals that the ultimate goal of each person is heaven and that God has

"We should look at the way we are living our lives: to love one another, follow the Ten Commandments and remember that the rain will fall on the just and unjust."

Mrs. Zweygardt had brought her Bible with her and quickly read over See PRAYER on Page 7A

Sun continues to scorch crops

Northwest Kansas like much of the rest of the midwest, is suffering from drought. In Cheyenne County, it is the third year where little moisture has been recorded. Since January, St. Francis weather observer Kathy Woodcox has totaled around 3.5 inches of rain.

Ninety-year-old Gus Zweygardt has been in the farming business since 1929 when he and his father, L.E. Zweygardt bought a threshing machine. However, he started at the age of 10 when his father found him a job with another farmer. He worked from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with an hour break at noon all for the wage of \$1.

"In 1934, we went through a whole season with no rain but we raised some crops. But I have never seen it as dry as it is right now," said Mr. Zweygardt. "Now, there's no moisture in the ground to even plant a crop. "There is

like there was I have never seen it as in the 30s," he dry as it is right now. added. "Once it started blowing, there was no stopping it

not the dust

He credits the fact that there is less starved to death. Mr. Zweygardt and dust today to better equipment and

farming techniques. During the Dust Bowl days, Mr.



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Gus Zweygardt looks toward the west to see if there are any clouds in sight.

Zweygardt lost his way after farming with six horses. His wife Martha

> told about her and her brother going after their grandfather who had missed the

Times were no equipment, only horse energy." so tough that horses and cattle his brother were given the hides for

the skinning and the hides were sold See DROUGHT on Page 7A

Fair activities begin Monday with style revue

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair is just around the area!" corner with the first activities of the fair starting Monday with the 4-H Fashion Revue and the festivities will end with the annual demolition derby and Attendance Award drawing on

are going to have a real good fair," said Dick Clip and save it for further reference. Bursch, fair board president. "We are still short

have an excellent fair — the best in the whole The carnival will be open each evening of the The rodeo is put on by the Kansas Pro Rodeo

During the week, there will be a number of 4-H and FFA activities including the horse show, swine show, beef show and Premium Sale, just to name a few. A schedule of events, sponsored by the Chevenne County Fair Board, can be found "The fair is shaping up and it looks like we on Page 8A in the Herald and Page 4 in the Times.

fair and again on Saturday afternoon.

The grandstand show on Wednesday will be a local team roping and barrel racing contest which will begin at 7 p.m. The barrel racing is a National Barrel Horse Association barrel race. On Thursday, new this year will be the kid's

Association and Nebraska State Rodeo Association.

Saturday's events include the Fair Parade, a concert, the rocket launch and the mud volleyball contest. The grandstand show will feature the demolition derby which will start at 7 p.m. with the Attendance Awards being drawn fol-The 4-H/FFA Premium Sale will start at 5:45 lowing the derby. Check next week's newspa-Grandstand shows and the home-owned carp.m. and the rodeo and barrel racing will follow per for more information on Friday and Satur-

Fair roundup

—Gus Zweygardt

The grandstand shows will entertain many viewers. Shows for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are found elsewhere in this issue.

• The local team roping and barrel racing contests will be held Wednesday

evening. See Page3A for more details. • Thursday is the kid's Ranch Rodeo pro-

duction. See Page 5A.

• The rodeo and barrel racing contest will be held on Friday. See Page 3

St.Francis woman honored

Barb Ewing has been selected as 'Outstanding Older Worker" for the state of Kansas for 2002. The St. Francis City Council has designated "Senior Appreciation Day," and an open house for Mrs. Ewing will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Francis Senior Citizen Center. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Mrs. Ewing's son Ron has been going to each of the businesses, asking for donations of items which will be drawn for at 3 p.m. on Sunday. He is eager that everyone know that the money raised, which on Monday was over \$400 in gifts, is not for Mrs. Ewing's trip but for the "Experience Works," the organization, formerly known as "Green

People are to look for the big blue cans which designate a place where tickets can be purchased. Winners do not need to be present to win a prize.

Mrs. Ewing has been awarded the Prime Time Award which honors the valuable contributions older Americans make to their communities and places of work. In September, Mrs. Ewing and her son will be traveling to Washington, D.C., to represent Kansas where she will be recognized during a series of high-profile media and Con-Fashion revue features 69 garments



Kansas' Outstanding Older Worker. Her son, Ron, holds the award.

gressional events capped off by an awards ceremony and banquet.

She has been busy passing out cards to senior citizens to write their input gram was launched from the Experiabout issues and she will bring those comments with her to Washington. "I want concerns, compliments, sug-

gestions and solutions to problems seniors have," Mrs. Ewing said.

National Prime Time Awards Proence Works, Inc., in 1998. The program

focuses national attention on the fast-**See HONORED on Page 7A**

Superintendents will be busy working on the stage decorations this week. "We encourage the public to come out and support our 4-H'ers and view

Admission is free and everyone is

of pickup for city superintendent By Sandy Barnhart

The St. Francis City Council approved the purchase of a 2003 Ford extended cab four-wheel drive pickup and a used garden tractor when they met on July 16.

The pickup was purchased from Yost Ford-Mercury for \$26,600. Superintendent J.R. Landenberger told the council that he had checked on a similar pickup and, with the government discount, Yost was approximately \$190 below the price. The 1996 Jeep Cherokee now used by the superintendent will be turned over to the city police department.

A two-year-old garden tractor was purchased from Van Allen's. Superintendent Landenberger explained that the deferential on the city' 1988 garden tractor had gone out. In checking on a deferential to repair the tractor, he was informed that a rebuilt deferential

Council approves purchase

While at Van Allen's, he had found that the city could trade in the 1988 garden tractor on a two-year-old tractor with a payment difference of

\$1,200. The council approved the trade. Wireless Internet

Superintendent Landenberger updated the council on the wireless internet system which he plans to have installed in the near future. He noted that the air conditioning had been ordered for the network room at the new city building plus a dedicated phone line would be needed. A table, chair and file cabinet will need to be purchased for the room. All of the expenses are within the budgeted amount.

Superintendent Landenberger told the council that an individual had talked to him concerning tech support for the system. This would include a 9 a.m.-5 p.m. support on the wireless hardware would cost \$800 and a new one would and software, network equipment, up-

Council roundup

For more about the city council meeting on July 16:

• The council is still cleaning up

property on Page 3A. • The new city hall continues to

be remodeled on Page 3A.

grade and upkeep, user management and administrating the network. The matter was discussed in executive session with no decisions being made.

Swimming pool report Swimming pool manager Danielle Kriegh said the key for the front door was giving the guards trouble. She also

requested that the trash be picked up See PICKUP on Page 7A

It's almost time for the Fair Parade!

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is Bank, the extension office or at the St. only a little over a week away, set for 10 a.m. on Aug. 3 on St. Francis' Main

"Entries are slow coming in," said Dawn Lucas, coordinator of the parade. "But, it's not too late to put something together!"

This year's parade is one of special meaning since the Sept. 11 attack. The theme is "United We Stand."

"Show your support by participating in the parade. There are several family reunions and we would like to see your

family in the parade.' If those planning on having 4-wheelers, vehicles, motorcycles or decorated golf carts want their name mentioned as they go through the parade, they will need to get an entry form. Forms can be

Francis Herald.

"Please don't wait until Saturday

morning to register," Mrs. Lucas said. The parade will flow the same route as

last year and it will begin at the high school on College Street. The parade will leave the school at 9:30 so it can be on Main Street at 10. All entries are expected to be at the high school around 8:30 a.m.

For more questions, contact Mrs. Lucas at Bankwest, 785-332-3333 or at home, 785-332-3212.

Fair parade marshal

John Finley has been selected as this year's fair parade marshal. He has been helping with the Cheyenne County Fair for years and seldom missed a parade. Check next week's St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times for more about Mr. picked up at Bankwest, First National Finley.

Maverick Bank to perform

For the past two years, the Maverick Bank has provided music for the fair parade and this year, they plan to play again. Van Burrus along with Abby Burr and Hal Sager will be participating with the band. Following the parade, the band will be in concert in the



pants in the buymanship, clothing construction and knitting divisions will be judged during the day, starting at 8 a.m. Life Skills Judging will also be held during the day from 9 to 11 a.m. The theme for this year's fashion re-

Revue will be held Monday. Partici-

vue will be "4-H The Power of Youth."

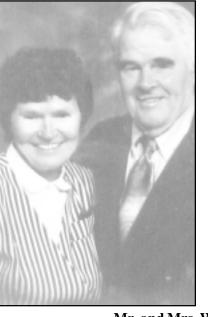
13 sewing construction garments, and three knitting garments shown. Abby Burr and Crystal Murray will

The 2002 Cheyenne County Fashion There will be 53 buymanship garments,

be the mistresses of ceremonies, introducing each division and reading the commentaries. The 2003 Cheyenne County Junior Miss Jenny Weems, will be helping hand out the awards.

their accomplishments in these projects," said Susan Knodel, 4-H as-

welcome to attend this event.





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"That was good money in those days

but boy, did some of those hides stink,"

talking about the 30s. They remem-

only cactus growing in the pastures.

the spikes off and the cattle ate them,"

Mr. Krien said.

only 35 cents.

Mrs. Zweygardt said.

"We picked the cactus and burned

They remembered when corn sold

Mrs. Zweygardt remembers being

— kernels, shucks and all — into

"He said it was cheaper (to burn corn)

The temperatures have ranged in the

high 90s and 100s and each day, there

drink plenty of liquids and, if possible,

The dryland corn is in an extremely

poor condition and some of the corn

fields are gone to the place where even

Shane Wurm, senior agronomist for

Servi-Tech, reported that the corn

circles are looking "tough and the heat

The corn crop is at its peak water use

period and is now pollinating. How-

ever, the heat has possibly hindered the

watering until we see how the corn has

"We are advising farmers to continue

Soy and pinto beans are blooming

and setting pods and the sunflowers are

blooming, however, like everything

We are in a very important part of

crop production and what we really

need is moisture and some cooler

Melvin Schlepp installed a drip irri-

gation system last summer and reports

that his corn field is doing extremely

weather," the agronomist said.

keep in a cool place during the day.

a soaking rain will not help.

has worked on it really bad."

pollinated," he said.

else, they're dry.

than to buy coal and pay the sheller,'

sent to the home of R.T. Angel, father of Aaron Angel, and he was throwing

for 10 cents a bushel and a pig brought

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Jarmin

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

A celebration of 50 years of marriage Aug. 10. It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m mountain daylight time at the Methodist Church (12th and Sherman) in

Children of the couple are Osce is generally wind. People are warned to for Glenna and Waldo Jarmin will be Heinrich, Tina (Clem) Roeder, Jeanette Jones, Mike Jarmin, Ann Bailey and Barb Bedore.

County residents play in parade band

By Karen Krien

Bands make a parade and the members of the Maverick Band are helping make parades in other communities as well as in St. Francis. The Maverick Band will be playing at the Cheyenne County Fair Parade on Aug. 3 and, after the parade, they will meet in the park behind the courthouse for a concert. "We are hoping that people will join

us for the concert," said Van Burrus, St. Francis, member of the band. "Also playing with us this year is Abby Burr and I think Hal Sager."

The Maverick Band is a group of volunteers who play because they love music. Rolland Emmett of Arapahoe, who is the group's coordinator, said in an article that approximately 1,500 different musicians have played with the band through the years but only about 30 to 35 show up to play each time. Because of the distance, the Maverick Band will probably only have about 25 playing in St. Francis.

Members play for the love of music Burrus said.

as they do not even receive mileage when traveling and many of them drive many miles to perform in parades and concerts. Players are from all over Nebraska and Kansas.

The band has been playing for around 46 years. It was organized by members of the Tehama Shrine Band of Hastings and the ISIS Shrine Band of Salina. As they were only playing a few times a year, the musicians joined together once a month for the fun of playing. It was not long before they were invited to play in parades and con-

The band has welcomed all musicians in the area who want to play. Some members started when they were in high school.

We will play for about an hour in the park behind the courthouse near the Shriner's shelter. We are hoping that people will bring their blankets or lawn chairs and lunch and spend the hour enjoying the music," Mr.

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two to three times a week instead of once. Superintendent Landenberger said there would be no problem with picking the trash up two or three times a week, and he will check on the key and lock.

Manager Kriegh noted that the pool will close Aug. 18 but that she would arrange for the pool to be cleaned as the school would probably still want to use it the first two weeks of school.

Superintendent report

The superintendent reported that the city crew has worked on the theater air conditioning system and it appears to be working properly with leaks eliminated.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has done an inspection on the water and waste water system and will be submitting some recommendations and a report in two to three weeks. One of the concerns brought up was the water consumption per capita in St. Francis. Clerk Lampe gave the council a hand-

out which her office had researched concerning water prices and usage of the city and surrounding towns.

The council approved for the city crew to have the Friday afternoon off for fair.

Clerk report Clerk Lampe reported that 85 people

had signed up for the city picnic. The council approved a list of trans-

fers all within the budget. The transfers include: to equipment reserve from general-\$5,000, from utility - \$15,000, from sewer - \$6,000. To employee benefits from refuse - \$30,000, from sewer -\$5,000, from utility - \$30,000. To general from utility - \$40,000.

Other business

In other business:

• The council approved to adjust Superintendent Landenberger's salary in executive session on July 9.

• Mileage will be paid in the amount of 36.5 cents per mile to those attending

• The 2002 audit was accepted and approved and the 2003 budget was approved for publication. The council also approved the 2002-2004 audit contract with Adam, Brown, Beran and Ball accounting firm. The costs for 2002 is \$7,200,2003-\$7,400,2004-\$7,700; not to exceed a 3-percent increase per year. **Building permits**

The building permits were approved

for the following businesses and residents: City of St. Francis, new city hall building, pour cement and landscape; Chuck Peters, run cement, install rear door entrance; Dale Neitzel, erect fence;

Bankwest, raise building.

Special meeting

A special meeting was held July 10 at the St. Francis Public Library. Brian Staats of Adam, Brown, Beran and Ball, reviewed the 2001 audit and discussed the 2003 budget. No decision was made.

Council comments

Councilman Jensen updated the council on the progress of the Resource Conservation and Development meeting concerning the recycling program. He noted that the group was trying get a truck that they had applied for from Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The truck is free.

Eric Hook, who has been hauling recycling items to Colby, would not be hauling after July. Councilman Rick Kriegh felt that there were other individuals that would be interested in hauling. The trip is 74 miles and pays \$2.10 a loaded mile.

There is a risk of running out of pallets before the center acquires a baler. They will check into whether some pallets can be brought back from Colby.

Executive session

Superintendent Landenberger requested 15 minutes in executive session for personnel.

Chief Ryan requested 5 minutes in executive session for personnel.

Council woman Knodel requested 5 minutes in executive session for purchase of property.

Council woman Shay requested 5 minutes in executive session for legal

There were no decisions made after the council came out of the executive ses-

Next meeting

The next city council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 6 at the St. Francis Public Library.

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est growing segment of the population and a group of Americans who exemplify the positive work ethic, experience, loyalty and dependability that are so important to the business community. The program is now widely recognized as the nation's premier older worker recognition initiative.

Everyone is welcome to come by the senior center on Sunday and congratulate Mrs. Ewing on her prestigious award. And, don't forget to purchase a

DROUGHT

The drip system is buried 16 inches having sales on Wednesday after the enne County. ground underneath is wet but the top is

"I've had several farmers looking at Bill Krien and Royce Stimbert were the field the past few weeks and I'm planning to install another 90 acres if bered when there were no weeds and all works out," Mr. Schlepp said.

> This is a dire time. Bankers are advising some small farmers to sell machinery while there is still a market for it. Because of the dry conditions, the St. Francis Livestock Commission began

deep and waters the roots. He said the summer break. Businesses in town are suffering and, as Mr. Zweygardt says, 'it all starts with the good earth.'

In an effort to bring rain, Praying for Rain meetings have been organized. People are being urged to pray, have faith that rain will come and encourage their friends and neighbors.

On Sunday evening, there was a 50percent chance of rain but it went on east and, those getting the moisture surely needed it as bad as those in Chey-

The old timers say the drought lasted through the 1930s and it occurred again in the early 50s. Studies show that the Great Plains goes through a major drought every 22 or so years. Drought seared the plains in the 1850s, 1870s. 1890s, 1910s, 1930s, 1950s and 1970s.

The National Weather Service is predicting only some isolated and scattered thunderstorms on Friday, Monday and Tuesday and temperatures will continue to be hot.

PRAYER

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Deuteronomy 11, noting that the chapter refers to teaching and speaking with children. She reported that in Sunday Schools, children quit attending in the fifth and sixth grade and some come back but others do not as the get older.

'You can't expect an 8- or 9-year-old child to get dress and get to church on their own," she said, adding that this was the parent's responsibility. "It is a burden of my heart for our children and children in town are hurting and are lost."

"Passing on and teaching the faith to the children is always a concern and there is never a right time to stop," Pastor Rossbach said, referring to teachers who say they are too old and the attendance is almost nothing.

Pastor Bartlett repeated what Mrs. Bartlett had said for the audience, telling them that, as a child, she had wanted to go to church so, when her parents didn't take her, she was picked up by other people and taken to church. Mrs. Keller said, in her education, she

had learned about pruning plants and she related that story to the Biblical story of the vineyard. Some plants need to be trimmed se-

verely and they look bad but, when the vines are trimmed, they bear greater fruit and healthier vines. "Perhaps drought is a pruning issue

that we need to think about — who is really in control — us or Him?" she asked. "With the pruning will come a greater love for the Lord and more respect for Mother Nature."

As a third-grade-teacher, Mrs. Rainbolt talked about the great community (St. Francis), good school system and the people who love one another.

"We are blessed to have what we have (in St. Francis)," she said, adding that she was placed here by God and God would take care of the people. Mr. Rainbolt told that they have been

given the opportunity to bring two young boys to town and, with the help of the community, those boys are following

him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently see him." What are the valuable things in our

Mr. Rainbolt quoted Hebrews 11: 6

...without faith, it is impossible to please

life? Where are our priorities?" Mr. Rainbolt challenged. "This community has always come forward (to meet the needs of the people)

and the values we have are based upon His love and His faithfulness." The meeting closed with prayer and

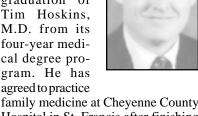
singing of "America The Beautiful."

Future county physician graduated in May

Dr. R.K.Driver

Optometrist

The University of Kansas School of Medicine announces the May graduation of Tim Hoskins, M.D. from its four-year medical degree program. He has agreed to practice



Hospital in St. Francis after finishing residency training. Dr. Hoskins is the husband of Angie

Zimbelman, daughter of Ron and Marsha Zimbelman of St. Francis. He began a three-year family medicine residency program at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, in July. The University of Kansas School of

Medicine is a pioneer in communitybased medical education. Its curriculum boasts several programs that expose students to and promote the practice of medicine in non-urban areas. More than 40 percent of all Kansas University School of Medicine graduates eventually establish practices within the state.



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