

Weather spotter training set in area

Severe weather spotters are needed and a training has been set for 7 p.m. on April 15 at the high school in St. Francis.

Gary Rogers, emergency manager, reported that spotters are needed especially in the rural areas where trained spotters can stand in their yard and relay weather conditions to the main office in St. Francis.

"These rural severe weather spotters can help keep other weather spotters from having to travel into dangerous areas," Manager Rogers said.

A spotter training class is held each year and helps train new spotters as well as giving experienced spotters a refresher course.

Manager Rogers organizes the class and urges anyone interested in becoming a severe weather spotter or just those interested in knowing more about studying clouds and severe weather formations may also attend.

There are also other trainings planned in the area including:

April 7, 2 p.m. mountain daylight time, in Wray at the Wray Roundhouse.

April 11, 7 p.m. mountain daylight time, in Benkelman at the high school.

April 14, 7 p.m. in Atwood at the Atwood Prairie Development Center.

For more information, contact Manager Rogers at 785-332-2560.



Prairie dog bill revised and passed

By Karen Krien

In the past few weeks, there has been concern about House Bill 2027 which deals with prairie dogs and who would control the eradication of these pest-ridden critters. However, on Friday, in a bill that had once again been revised, the House passed the bill which will allow county commissioners to authorize the purchase of materials and employ someone to control prairie dogs, moles and gophers. The words "destroy and manage" were replaced with "control." A landowner may also control prairie dogs on their land.

Prairie dogs were determined as "a species of management concern requiring control." No longer are they determined as an endangered species.

When a colony of prairie dogs is found and the commissioners find that they are a threat of "destructive, injurious or detrimental effect" to surrounding lands, they can give a written notice that the prairie dogs are causing a threat and need to be controlled. The landowner will

Kansas tornados

Last year was a continuation of the trend of tornados — there were more and the number was above normal. There were 95 tornados recorded in Kansas which is 44 above normal. However, there were no deaths and only one person was injured and that injury was near Mullinville in Kiowa County.

Across central and western Kansas, most tornados occur in April, May and June. The 61 tornados in May set a record for any month in Kansas since 1950. Southwest Kansas saw large, powerful and long-lived tornados, many occurring on May 7. One in Ford County moved southwest, then southeast, as it killed several dozen cattle, carrying some 1,500 pound heifers 3/4 of a mile. Ford County had eight tornados, the most tornados in one county, and one tornado was measured over a mile wide.

The most destructive tornado of the year hit Pratt on May 7 causing \$20 million.

The first tornado last year occurred in Reno County on April 11 and the last tornado was recorded in December in Cherokee County. In fact, there were two tornados recorded in December.

If a tornado is sighted, people are urged to take cover in a basement or inside room until the danger has passed. Those wishing to know more about tornados should plan to attend the severe weather spotter training on April 15 at the high school.



SAWYER WHITE performs at the regional music festival in Oberlin. Photo by Cynthia Haynes

Students earn many I ratings

The St. Francis Community High School music department participated in the Regional Music Festival in Oberlin on Saturday, earning 16 I ratings. This qualifies 23 students for the 2A State Music Festival which will be held in Concordia on April 26.

Earning I ratings were January Fiedler, Tara Neitzel, Hailey Crabtree, Julie Voeller, Chelsey Weeden, Ashley Dowgwillo, Janessa Jordan and Sheryl Miller, vocal solos; Kari Gienger and Heidi Rohweder, flute solos; Fiedler, Voeller, and Jade DeGood, clarinet solos; Danie McFarland, bass clarinet solo; Advanced Music Class Vocal Ensemble (Fielder, Neitzel, Crabtree, Megan Ford and Amanda Jones); and the Vocal Class Large

Ensemble (Crabtree, DeGood, Dowgwillo, Kelsey Dunn, Gienger, Jordan, Samantha Marin, Miller, Neitzel, Kali Rueb, Ale' Tygart, Angela Van Allen, Mandy Vanderpool, Voeller, Walz, Weeden and Sawyer White).

Also participating in the festival were two girls vocal ensembles; Tyler Howard, Jones, White and Rueb, vocal solos; Fiedler, trumpet solo; and Ford and Miller, saxophone solos.

All students were directed and accompanied by music instructor Debbie Fiala.

Good Will pick up held on April 26

The St. Francis Lions Club members will be having their annual Good Will pick up on April 26, which will give residents plenty of time to gather up unwanted items.

Several years ago, the Good Will quit supplying bags so people are asked to put their clothing, small appliances and usable items into boxes or bags. All items should be at the curb by 9 a.m. or call any Lion member to pick it up.

There will be two trailers at the corner of Birch and Whittier streets

by the Milton Lampe residence where people can also put items if they are not able to be home on April 26 or forgot to get the items out.

Glasses/hearing aids needed

The Lions are also asking for used eye glasses and hearing aids that can be used for needy people around the world. Glasses can be dropped in a box at Sainty Super Foods or give them to any Lion member. A person nearly blind or hearing impaired will greatly appreciate these donations.

City crew asking for old nylons

Summer is coming and with it in northwest Kansas comes weeds and sandburs.

For the second year, the city of St. Francis is seeking the help of residents asking that they donate those used worn, discarded nylon stockings.

"Yes, you are reading correctly," said Eric Fiala, city employee. "The city is asking you to donate your discarded nylon stockings."

The summer league ball field is infested with sandburs and puncture vine. Removal of the old plants is only part of the solution. The seeds that fall off those plants are the other part of the problem.

While herbicide over time is part of the solution, one of the immediate mechanical methods of decreasing the problem is physically picking up the seeds and this mechanical method can be accomplished with old nylon stockings.

By throwing the nylon stockings on the ground and simply dragging them around with a pitchfork, they will pick up many seeds. When the stockings are completely covered, they are thrown away.

In addition to nylon stockings, nylon blankets are quite useful.

Those wishing to donate worn

and discarded nylon stockings and blankets are asked to wash and dry them first, then put them in plastic bags and call the power plant at 785-332-3032 and the city will pick them up or they can be dropped off at the city plant.

Board to give funds

The St. Francis New Generation Fund Board, established in 1988, has funds which need to be distributed. These funds are intended to support all aspects of the quality of life in St. Francis and are there to help economic, religious, cultural, educational and recreational groups.

Any party wanting to apply for a grant or scholarship should send a letter naming who is applying and what the funds will be used for. Send the letter to the St. Francis New Generation Fund, in care of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, P.O. 255, St. Francis, 67756, or call Susan Hobrock, 785-332-3508 or Tom Keller, 785-332-2145.



Smile it's Spring!

need to control the prairie dogs or the commissioners will have them controlled and the cost will be charged to the landowner.

Plans will need to be submitted but anyone interested in eradicating or controlling the prairie dogs should contact one of the commissioners, the county clerk or the noxious weed supervisor.

Also contained in the bill is the statement that it is illegal to transport and relocate prairie dogs. And prairie dogs cannot be harvested for commercial purposes.

St Francis Herald Forecast April 2nd - April 8th

Day	Normal High	Normal Low	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed 8/48	60	32	6:30 to 6:21am	7:12 to 7:18pm
Thu 76/40	April is starting off with above normal temperatures. El Nino is history so it must just mean that it is spring. Pacific Ocean temperatures between Peru and Indonesia are in the normal or slightly below normal range, so whatever weather we have this summer we will have to blame it on something other than El Nino. Moderate drought conditions continue across the area. Summer temperatures and rainfall may work out to be pretty close to normal. A couple of good rains may be enough to turn the tide and replenish the much needed moisture. There is a chance of showers coming up for Saturday and Sunday.			
Fri 65/35				
Sat 61/44				
Sun 70/45				
Mon 58/38				
Tue 55/33				

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APPLIANCES: Amana Refrigerator w/ice & water (like new) • Maytag Washer • Kenmore Dryer

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