



THIS AERIAL PICTURE of the recent fire destroyed around 100 acres. The fire burned fields belonging to Roger Douthit and Tom Keller.
Photo courtesy of Robert Grace

Field fire destroys 100 acres

By Karen Krien
The St. Francis Fire Department was called to the grass and stubble-field fire at about 11:30 p.m. on Saturday night. The fire was located on land belonging to Roger Douthit and Tom Keller and burned around 100 acres.
George Harper, St. Francis Fire Chief, said people from Bird City, Benkelman and west of the Douthits could see the blaze.
Myra Douthit was returning home from a meeting when she saw the blaze.

home, he was unaware that there was even a fire.
The chief determined that the fire was started from a lightning strike. "There was lightning striking all around us while we were fighting the fire," Chief Harper said.
While the St. Francis firemen were fighting the Douthit/Keller fire, Chief Harper said two more fires were reported in the northwest corner of the county. This time, the Haigler Fire Department came to put out those fires.

It is an extremely dry time and Chief Harper is asking that everyone use caution when lighting trash and do not throw cigarette butts out the window of vehicles.
He is planning to attend the next commissioners' meeting and they will discuss if a burn ban should be put in effect.
Chief Harper said the Bartlett staff brought water out and area farmers brought their equipment and man power which helped immensely.

"I thought it looked like it could be at our house," she said.
As she got closer, she could see that it was to the east but when she called Mr. Douthit who was at

Farm program now permits grazing

"Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage is now eligible to be hayed or grazed as a required management practice," stated Angie Berens, Director of the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency Office. "New provisions now allow managed haying or grazing on acreage no more than once every three years, starting this year. Producers must request authority to do this, comply with a haying or grazing plan through NRCS, and pay a fee equal to 25% of the annual rental rate on the acreage used", stated Berens.
Under the new managed haying and grazing, haying can be done from July 15 through August 15 and grazing can be done beginning July 15 through approximately Sept., 30. Interested participants must contact the FSA office at (785) 332-2183 for policies, limitations and necessary signatures before beginning any haying or grazing practice.
United State Department of Agriculture has developed a website for producers to list information concerning the need for available hay. The website address is http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet.



FIVE GENERATIONS — The Stasser family recently got together and had a five-generation picture taken. Pictured (l to r) are: Alan Stasser, Talia (Stasser) Pate and Fred Stasser. Seated is Margaret Stasser holding Kolin Pate.

St. Francis News

Recent visitors in the Hester Myers home were Mary Rath, Pastor Nel Holmes and Elaine Kite. On Saturday, Dwayne and Dorothy Reese from Ogallala, Neb., were visitors of Mrs. Myers and Rodney Myers.

Richard Horwege, Norfolk, Va., was a last Thursday visitor of his mother Vivien Horwege at the Good Samaritan Village. He also visited his aunt, Manette Keeler and they had dinner together. He returned to his home in Virginia Thursday evening.

Becky and Lee Long and family of Oxford, Neb., Gerry and Suzanne Pierce of ElCajon, Calif., Larry Beringer of Sharon Springs, Sylvania Queen, Victor and Darlene Zwegardt were callers in the LaVera Beringer home.

Card shower

A card shower is being held to help Ruby Mueller celebrate her 90th birthday on Aug. 4. Address cards of greetings to Ruby Mueller, P.O. Box 249, Bird City, KS 67731.

Open house

An open house and reception will be held to help Delmer and Lavonne Zwegardt celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at their home at 5755 Valley Hi Drive, Parker, CO 80138 between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. mountain time on Saturday, Aug. 2. They request no gifts, please.

Relay For Life

Relay for Life will have a float for the parade this year. Cancer survivors interested in ride on the float or walking along should contact Sherry Schultz at 785-332-2860.

City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the city building.

Chamber of Commerce

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Friday, Aug. 8 at fairgrounds.

Outreach enrollment

St. Francis students and adults who plan to enroll in a fall semester Outreach program college course at Colby Community College may do so from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 18 at the St. Francis grade school cafeteria. At that time, college officials will enroll students and provide information on college programs.

Schorzman/Bandel Reunion

The Schorzman/Bandel reunion will be held Aug. 9 and 10 at the St. Francis Senior Citizen Center. The fun begins Saturday, Aug. 9 after the Cheyenne County Parade.

Helicopter

There will be no helicopter rides at the Cheyenne County Fair as previously planned.

Showdown at Sundown

The Wray Wrestling Club is sponsoring the second annual showdown at Sundown takedown tournament Aug. 9 on the Wray High School football field. Weigh in from noon to 3 p.m. mountain time. Wrestling starts at 7 p.m. For more information contact Bruce Latoski at (970) 332-5120 or e-mail blatoski@plains.net or Don Rogers at (970) 332-5365 or Jeff Stults at (970) 332-5249. They hope to see you there under the stars.

Moran on public television

Congressman Jerry Moran will discuss the current session of Congress and take live calls from Kansans during an appearance on Smoky Hills Public Television. The program, entitled, "Mid-America Life: A Conversation with Jerry Moran," will air live from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday evening, August 1.

Head Start accepting applications

Cheyenne County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3- and 4-year olds. The preschool is accepting applications for the 2003-04 school year. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides, hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education.
Families interested should call Denise White at 332-3110.

Fair parade

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade will be held on Aug. 9. This year's parade theme is "Change is Good." The St. Francis Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Carla Lampe is coordinating the

parade. The entry forms are ready to be picked up at the First National Bank in St. Francis. Everyone is urged to get their groups and business staffs together and start planning. And, don't wait until the last minute to enter. If unable to stop by the bank, call Mrs. Lampe, who will take care of the rest.

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Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2168 or 332-2078.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7-day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Hospice Service

Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please call 800-315-5122.

Sheriff's Department

- 8 VINS.
- 5 Summons issued.
- 4 Subpoena issued.
- 1 Speeding ticket given.
- 6 Warning for speeding made.

Thresher queen's memories

This year's queen was born on her father's homestead in the early 1900s in Cheyenne County. Her childhood was filled with many happy memories with her parents and siblings. She helped with the farm chores as a young girl. She says they milked cows, gathered the eggs and raised chickens. Her mother made the best bread, pies and cakes and the aroma is one she will never forget.

As a child she did a lot of traveling with her parents and siblings.

She remembers hearing the threshing machine whistles as the wheat was threshed in the summer time. The threshing crew harvested wheat for many of the area farmers. Their whistles were always calling for something they needed right away. The women worked hard cooking harvest meals for the crew in the cook shack that they pulled to the different farms where they were threshing the wheat.

Be sure and be at the Thresher Show on Thursday, July 31, and find out who is the 2003 Thresher Queen.

For the Record

July 15: Responded to a missing person report, individual was located later.

July 15: Responded to gas skip out of Goodland, was located in Sherman County.

July 15: Jessica Trevino of Lakewood, Colo. was driving a 2001 Honda when she lost control and rolled south west of St. Francis. Damage was over \$500 and no injuries were reported.

July 17: Report of a person calling someone early in the morning.

July 18: Aided person who had locked themselves out of their vehicle.

July 19: Responded to report of someone walking west of St. Francis.

July 20: Responded to report of the theft of a 42" Murray lawn mower taken south west of St. Francis.

July 20: Assisted motorist at Kan. Hwy 27 and Road B with a flat tire.

July 21: Investigated a fire at 221 West 3rd in Bird City which occurred on July 18.

Correction:
Don't go to the Zion Lutheran

Church's Mission Festival on Aug. 2 and 3 because there isn't one! The copy for last year's festival was mistakenly lifted and printed in the July 17 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*.

The Upcoming Events ad located on Page 7 of the July 17 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* had the fair held on the wrong dates. The Cheyenne County Fair is Aug. 6 through 9. Be sure to attend.

The St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call the office at 785-3323-3162 or 785-734-2659 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

DON'T MISS THE Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Show
July 31, Aug. 1, 2 & 3

SHOWTIME: 8:00 p.m. 1 hour 34 min.

Aug. 1, 2 & 3 Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde
Comedy
Rated: PG-13 for some sex-related humor.
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field, Bob Newhart, Luke Wilson, Regina King

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747
Children: \$2 Senior Citizens/High School: \$3 Adults: \$4

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Physician & Professional Service Directory
August
Aug. 5 - Dr. Rubinowitz - Oncology
Aug. 5 - Dr. McDonald - Urology
Aug. 5 - Mammo
Aug. 11 - Osteoporosis
Aug. 14 - Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
Aug. 20 - Dr. Reeves - Podiatrist
Aug. 21 - Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
Aug. 26 - Dr. Rubinowitz - Oncology
Aug. 26 - Mammo
Aug. 27 - Dr. Uyemura - Ophthalmologist
Aug. 28 - Dr. Warren - Cardiologist
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