

Around 100 planes expected for Saturday, Sunday fly-in

By Karen Krien

The 24th Stearman Fly-In has been set for Saturday and Sunday at the airport in St. Francis.

Planes, skydivers and balloons will start arriving on Friday night. If the weather is permitting, the sky will be filled with skydivers before they land on the practice football field located on College Street.

Early Saturday and Sunday mornings, the hot-air balloons will take to the sky, floating over the countryside. The actual time for lift-off is 7 a.m. but again, a lot depends upon the weather conditions.

Throughout the two-day event, there will be the vintage World War II open cockpit Stearmans on display as well as many other aircraft. There will be parachute jumps and tandem jumps (where an

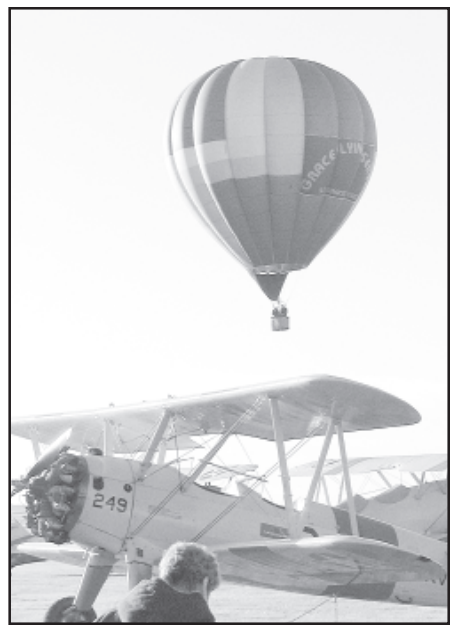
individual can jump with an experienced skydiver).

Breakfast and lunch will be available on the grounds and there are several different refreshment stands. There will be transportation to see all the planes for those who might have difficulty walking the distance.

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a barbecue in Sawhill Park on Saturday evening beginning at 7 p.m.

There is no admission to the show and there is shade and benches to sit on but people are asked to bring their sunscreen, leashes for their dogs, and, if they plan to be at the airport for most of the day, they might like to bring their lawn chair.

For more information about the Stearman Fly-In, log on to: www.stearmanflyin.org or call 785-332-2251.



Commissioners sign prairie dog resolution

By Karen Krien

A resolution to control prairie dogs in the county was adopted at the May 31 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting. All township trustees will be sent a letter asking them to attend the June 15 meeting at 9 a.m. for a hearing. If anyone has a concern about the resolution or

about the usage of township funds to pay for prairie dog extermination, they are asked to attend the meeting.

The resolution was drawn up because prairie dogs were moving onto pasture lands where they were not wanted. The pastures are next to those occupied by many prairie dogs

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Motorcycle wreck takes man's life

By Karen Krien

Gerald Feikert, also known as Jerry, died Thursday after being injured in a motorcycle accident.

The 57-year-old man had been in St. Francis then headed toward his home northwest of St. Francis. The call for an ambulance was heard over the scanner about 2 p.m., when a passerby had seen the man and motorcycle in the ditch about a mile north of Road

V on K-27 not far from his home.

Mr. Feikert was taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital by ambulance where he died from the injuries.

Troy Gardner, sheriff, said the cause of the accident was not known — just that his motorcycle had left the road.

Funeral services were held on Monday at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Flag Day honored in celebration



Flag Day is Wednesday, June 14, and to help people get into the patriotic spirit, the Historical Society is hosting a celebration starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. A short program will consist of the history of the American flag, patriotic music led by the St. Francis singers, and the raising and lowering of the flag. The Once Again Sound Band will also be playing.

Following the program, a barbecue potluck supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. Meat, beans, buns, drinks and table service will be provided. Everyone attending should bring a salad or dessert to share and a lawn chair to sit on. A free-will offering will be taken.

Flag inserted

In the next week's issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times, the "flag" will be included.

The paper flag can be put in residential and business windows and doors all year long. If the flag begins looking tacky, come to the Herald office and pick up another.

The flag is provided by the many sponsors listed on the back.

Tribute

The following tribute was written by Watts Wells Hubbard, 94-year-old Civil War veteran, on Jan. 12, 1943, while he was in the Minnesota Soldiers Home. It was recently printed in the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery service program.

A Tribute to the Flag

That's a beautiful flag. It's your flag and my flag. Our forefathers brought it home from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. Our sons brought it home from Puerto Rico, the Phil-

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GOING OVER REPORTS — Norvin Anderson, sheriff, and Sarah Smith, dispatcher, right, goes over the reports with Troy Gardner,

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Sainty's officer is oldest in Kansas

By Karen Krien

Norvin Anderson, St. Francis law officer, has been declared the oldest, working officer in the state of Kansas by the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. Troy Gardner, sheriff, is now seeing if he is also the oldest working officer in the country.

Officer Anderson started his career in 1969, 37 years ago. For the first two years, he was the city policeman working with Ray Lee, who was the sheriff. He then became the deputy sheriff and he and Sheriff Lee worked together until the sheriff retired in 1996.

Officer Anderson continued to

work in law enforcement and, today is working with Sheriff and St. Francis Chief of Police Troy Gardner.

"He can work for me as long as he wants," said Chief Gardner. "He has lots of institutional knowledge, knows everybody, locations and is invaluable when it comes to what

the other officers can learn from him."

Officer Anderson said there have been a great deal of changes in the last 37 years, from technology, to the attitude of people. There was some drug use in 1969 but today, the illegal drugs have

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Farmers urged to compare varieties

By Karen Krien

The annual Cheyenne County Wheat Field Day has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, at the test plot 4 miles south of Wheeler on K-27, then 1/4 mile west. Junior, Tom and Matt Smull are the cooperators.

There's not much but there is still some wheat in the county which has survived a freeze and another year

of drought. At the test plot, Jim Shroyer, crop production specialist, and Jeanne Falk, multi-county agronomist, will be talking about the varieties of wheat and how the varieties have withstood the elements.

Even with the drought and outlook of a poor wheat harvest, Agronomist Falk encourages farmers to attend the Wheat Field Day programs.

"Producers will be able to see how the wheat is standing up under the adverse conditions," she said. "Even though the wheat plot will not look good, they can look at how the varieties are responding. It is a good program to attend."

At 6:30, there will be a meal and program at the Bird City American Legion Hall. The meal is sponsored by the Chey-

enne County grain dealers.

Speaking at the program will be Dallas Peterson, extension specialist, weed science; who will be talking about weed control and controlling some of the winter annual weeds this area is struggling with. Brian Olson, northwest area agronomist, will also be speaking on no-till versus conventional-till wheat planting.



CRUSHER moved in and out of the Ed Morris place within three days. In the place of acres of washing machines and other white goods, it left bales such as that shown above.

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