

## Livestock info told at meeting

Cattlemen provide industry information across Kansas. Kansas Cattlemen's Association is hosting a number of public meetings regarding the livestock industry. The meetings will cover the newly implemented Country of Origin Labeling, profitability and challenges in the cattle feeding sector of the industry, current trade policies, and the ever changing markets. Kansas Cattlemen share

many concerns regarding the possibility of mandatory identification, and, this will be addressed as well. The meetings will take place in the following towns:  
 • St. Francis – tonight (March 19) 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Public Library (Use north door which enters into community room) 121 N. Scott Street.  
 • Oberlin – April 8, 7 p.m., The Gateway Room 3.

## More technicians are needed in Cheyenne County

Emergency medical technicians are needed in Cheyenne County, especially in the Bird City area. Janelle Bowers, Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service director, reported at the Friday county commissioners' meeting that there might be a slightly longer dispatch time for both Bird City and St. Francis ambulance calls.

"We are approaching the time of year that the majority of the technicians in Bird City and St. Francis are usually out on agricultural-related jobs that do not allow them to respond in a timely manner," she said.

The Kansas State Board of Emergency Medical Services dictates a minimum requirement of technicians on a call calendar. At least two emergency medical service personnel, specifically at least one first responder or higher and one emergency medical technician-B or higher must be available in order for an ambulance to proceed to the scene.

"We are asking the citizens of our county for their help in understanding this matter due to the possibility of an ambulance coming from another town," Mrs. Bowers said. "There might be a delay in transportation."

Typically, one or more technicians will respond to the scene to provide patient care prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

"Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service is providing patient care to the best of our ability," Mrs. Bowers said.

The service personnel is asking for understanding and cooperation from local employers. The state prohibits employers from discharging any employee by reason of the fact that the employee performs duties as a volunteer fire fighter, volunteer certified emergency medical services attendant, as defined in KSA 65-6112. Also amended are volunteer reserve law enforcement officers or part-time law enforcement officers.

"We are deeply grateful to all employers who not only allow their employees to leave work to provide emergency patient services but also encourage their service to the community," Mrs. Bowers said.

"If you are a citizen of Bird City or St. Francis, who is concerned about the shortage of emergency medical service volunteers in the county, please keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming First Responder or EMT-B classes or contact me at 785-332-8888 or 785-734-7111," she said. People can also write her at P.O. Box 453, St. Francis, KS 67756.

"We are always looking for additional, dedicated volunteers to help serve this great county!" she concluded.

**90th birthday**  
 Mickey Lampe will be celebrating her 90th birthday on April 6. She would enjoy receiving cards from friends and family. Address greetings to her at Sarah Ann Hester Memorial Home, 407 Dakota, P. O. Box 646, Benkelman, NE 69021.

**Informational Meeting**  
 The St. Francis Recreation Commission Board will be holding an informational meeting concerning all summer baseball/softball programs. This will include T-Ball and Pitching Machine. If you are interested in the summer ball programs, please plan to attend this meeting beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 at the high school cafeteria.

**Eastern Star installation**  
 At a stated meeting of the Doric Chapter held on March 12, the following were elected as new officers: Deb Lindsten, Worthy Matron; Jim Barnhart, Worthy Patron; Sharissa Andrist, Associate Matron; and Tom Stevens, Associate Patron. Public installation of all officers will take place on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge hall.

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program cut-off date**  
 April 10 is the cutoff date for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2009 funding. Stop by your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center and visit with the Natural Resources Conservation Service or local conservation district staff to get more information about helping address your resource concerns.

**Farm extrication program**  
 A farm extrication program will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. Contact Candi Douthit, 332-2104, if planning to attend.

**Swine/beef clinic**  
 A swine and beef clinic will be held starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the St. Francis Equity meeting room, 123 N. River Street. Improving livestock projects and livestock feeding and nutritional needs will be discussed. A free lunch is provided. For more information, contact the Equity, 332-2113.

**Teens for Christ**  
 For a fund raiser the Bird City Teens for Christ will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts. The deadline for ordering will be March

25 and delivery will be on April 3. For more information call 785-734-2703. Classified ad.

**Senior Center volunteers needed**  
 The St. Francis Senior Citizens Center is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to shut ins. Contact the Center at 332-2945, if interested.

**Hospice volunteers needed**  
 Hospice Services is seeking volunteers to join the hospice team in providing comfort, compassion and end-of-life care. Hospice volunteers and staff help people and their families grapple with difficult decisions and situations every day. Cheyenne County is planning Hospice Volunteer Training from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 4 and 5. Consider this opportunity. If there are any questions, please contact Edie Walters at (785) 332-2280, or the Hospice office at 1-800-315-5122.

**Help needed at the museum**  
 Lend a hand at Cheyenne County Museum's work day next Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come for the day, or just a couple of hours. Any help given is welcome!

The Historical Society board will meet at 3:30 that day to plan upcoming events and discuss business. Flip your calendars forward to April and circle Sunday, April 26. A festive open house celebration is planned for the museum from 2 to 4 that afternoon.

**Hospital Board**  
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet on Thursday, March 26, in the basement of the St. Francis Clinic.

**Lenten schedule**  
 The St. Francis Lenten service and lunch schedule is as follows: Wednesday; March 25: First Christian Church; April 1: Community Church; April 8: Good Samaritan Village.

A free-will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the lunch and to support the work of the St. Francis Ministerial Association.

**Library Art Gallery**  
 Homemade quilts by Patsy Rethke are on display at the St. Francis Library Art Gallery during the month of March.

Anyone who has, or knows of, a collection or a partial collection, of interesting items for the Art Gallery is encouraged to call Penny Gienger at 332-3949

**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.

**Free tax preparation**  
 Free tax preparation for young and old, Wednesdays at the St. Francis Public Library from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays at the St. Francis Senior Center again from 2 to 5 p.m. Bring last year's tax return, and your property tax statement which you received last November. Or for an appointment call Rowland Roelfs, (785) 332-3490

**Tax help in Bird City/ St. Francis/McDonald**  
 For those 60 and older needing tax help in filing forms in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties, help is available beginning Feb. 3: in Bird City on Tuesday mornings, St. Francis on Tuesday afternoons (1-4) and McDonald on Wednesday mornings. Call Johnene Cheney at (785) 538-2526 for appointment or more information.

**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) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

**Sainty Serenity Seekers/ Alcoholics Anonymous**  
 Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information

**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 in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

## Meeting called to discuss rec games

By Karen Krien  
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Summer is quickly approaching and, with it, the baseball season. For years, there has been youth ball including T-ball, pitching machine up to the older baseball and softball teams. However, Jolene Dodd, St. Francis Recreation coordinator, said there are fewer number of participants playing summer ball.

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, there will be a meeting in the high school cafeteria. Parents and other interested people are asked to attend. Their input will help determine if there is enough interest in the summer ball program to continue planning.

"We need players, coaches and umpires for the season if there is a decision to continue," Mrs. Dodd said. "Parents are not signing up their children and we are having trouble fielding teams."

There is also a need for people to run the concession stand, to mark the field and clean the bathrooms.

"We really hate to lose the program and, if there is enough interest out there, we will keep it going," Mrs. Dodd said.

Each year, the rec program receives 1 mill or approximately \$40,000. The majority of the money is spent for summer ball programs, even though there is a small entry fee for C-teams and older. However, there is no fee for kids to participate in T-ball and pitching machine. The program also furnishes uniforms.

The money is also used for flag football, sponsoring basketball programs throughout the year, volleyball camps, PeeWee Wrestling and for swim team and lifeguards.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
March 10	38	6	T
March 11	36	6	
March 12	45	12	
March 13	55	19	
March 14	61	20	
March 15	69	21	
March 16	77	17	

**To Roger and Travis Jensen**

Ruff-Ruff-Ruff  
 Woof-Woof-Woof

Translated: Thank you for my new "dog house".

Georgia



**ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION**

**436± Acres Yuma Co. Cropland**

Tract 1: 136± Acres Dryland  
 T1S-R43W, Sec. 18: West 136 acres of NW/4

Tract 2: 300± Acres (160 Ac. Irr., 115.4 Ac. Dry, 24.6 Ac. CRP)  
 T1S-R43W, Sec. 17: NW/4, and  
 Sec. 18: N/2 less W. 136.4 acres & E. 50.3 acres  
 Two 80 acre circles, one well, 2 & 3 year old sprinklers

**TUES., APRIL 7 - 1:30 P.M. MT**  
 Wray City Hall (Roundhouse)  
 U.S. Hwy. 34 - Wray, Colorado

**Scott Cantrall, Seller**  
 Land is approximately 7 miles S. of Wray  
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Frontier Ag, Inc., is currently taking applications in the fertilizer service department. Some ag background a plus. CDL, preferred, but not mandatory; self-motivated, hard working team player sought. Full-time or part-time. Come in to apply or call 785-734-2331. Also, still looking for help wanted at the Tire Station.

Frontier Ag Inc.,  
 Bird City  
 785-734-2331

**On The Way!**

2008 Mercury Sable, Prem. Leather, AT, 19K, #26815  
 2008 Grand Marquis LS, AT, Leather, 10K, #62526  
 2006 Ford Five Hundred SEL, Loaded, 13K, #32458

2004 F250 R/C XLT, 4x4, 6.0L, AT, 106K, #T1756A \$16,000  
 2002 Explorer XLT, 4x4, AT, 87K, #T6560A \$8,500  
 2006 F250 S/C, Lariat, 4x4, AT, 78K, #T1564B \$22,000  
 1995 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado, R/C 5M, #T9089C \$2,500  
 2006 F250 S/C XLT, 4x4, AT, 77K, #T8009A \$21,500  
 2006 F350 Crew, XLT, 4x4 w/Flatbed, #T3721A \$22,500  
 2006 F350 XLT, 4x4, 6.0L, #T6207A \$22,000  
 1996 Ford Contour, AT, Air, 52K \$4,600  
 2004 F350 Crew, XLT, 81K Miles, #T2872B \$20,000  
 2008 Impala LS, 6 cyl, FWD, #16970 \$13,000  
 2000 F250 S/C XLT, 4x4, 7.3L, #T3568A \$13,500  
 2008 Fusion SE, 2.3L, AT, 13K, #23423 \$15,500  
 2007 Focus SE, 4 cyl, FWD, #01355 \$11,000  
 2001 Chevy S-10, 4x2, 89K, #T6530A \$6,500  
 1996 Chevy 1500 Ex Cab, 4x4, cloth, #T2149B \$6,000

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 800-524-9678 Bob - Justin - Terry  
 785-332-2188 yostford.com

**SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 2 hr. 9 min.**

**He's Just Not That Into You**

March 20, 21 & 22  
 Comedy, Romance and Adaptation

Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Connelly, Kevin Connolly, Bradley Cooper, Ginnifer Goodwin, Scarlett Johansson, Justin Long  
 Rated PG-13 for sexual content and brief strong language.

**CHEYENNE THEATER** St. Francis, KS  
 785-332-2747  
 Children 12 & Under: \$3 All Others: \$5

**2nd Beginnings Thrift Store**  
 309 N. Bird Ave. ~ Bird City

**"WINTER'S Going Away"**  
 All clothing & shoes (except prom dresses)

**\$4.00 Sack Sale**  
 Friday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday - 9 a.m. - Noon

**CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL** 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS  
 785-332-2104

**Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department Will Be Sponsoring a Health Fair.**

**Lab Draws**  
 March 23, 24, 25, 7 to 10 a.m. in County Health Department  
 March 24, 7-10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic  
 No appointment needed. Please remember to fast for the Chem Panel Lab Test

The lab work includes:

- Complete Profile \$40 includes the following lab tests:
  - CMP (complete metabolic profile) that will test your sugar, electrolytes, kidney and liver function
  - Lipid Panel that will check your cholesterol
  - TSH that checks your thyroid
  - CBC (complete blood count) that checks for anemia and possible infections
- PSA (prostate specific antigen) that checks the prostate, \$20

Pap and prostate exams March 24, 25, 26, normal clinic hours at the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis & Bird City

**Appointment required for pap and prostate exams. Please call the St. Francis Clinic at 785-332-2682 or 785-734-2200 to schedule. Cost is \$25. Lab results will be available at the Health Fair Exhibit Booth on Thursday, March 26 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the St. Francis Grade School.**

**Check your renewal dates**  
 - Current Rates -

**The Saint Francis Herald**  
 Area - \$33 KS - \$38  
 Out-of-State - \$42

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